NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Membership in the National Honor Society (NHS) is an honor awarded to those students in grades 10-12 who demonstrate outstanding scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Members are selected each year in the second semester by a faculty council, which consists of five faculty members appointed annually by the principal.

The following criteria must be met in order to qualify for eligibility:
1. a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5 (no rounding) on a weighted scale
2. student must be a member of the sophomore, junior, or senior class
3. completion of at least one semester at RHS prior to application

All students who meet the above criteria will be notified by letter of their eligibility for NHS membership in early February.

Members must maintain all of the standards for membership under which they were inducted, participate in at least 3 chapter service projects per year, and pursue an additional service project of personal interest for 10 hours of community service beyond those hours required for graduation.

See Appendix #? for a complete description of the Selection Procedure and Criteria for Selection.

A copy of the chapter bylaws is available from the faculty advisor.

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PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION

1. By February 1 following first semester grade reporting, the cumulative grade point averages of all sophomores, juniors, and seniors will be reviewed to determine scholastic eligibility.

2. To be eligible for membership in this chapter, students must be members of the sophomore, junior, or senior class, they must have been enrolled for at least one semester at Rockport High School prior to selection, and they must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5 (no rounding) on a weighted scale and be enrolled in an approved high school program of studies.

3. All students who meet the grade level, enrollment and G.P.A. standards for membership will receive the following application materials:
   - a letter notifying them of initial eligibility for membership in National Honor Society and specifying the deadline for submitting forms
   - Personal Data Sheet to be completed by the candidate, instructions for completing the sheet, and a sample completed form
   - Criteria for selection
   - access to the chapter bylaws for review
4. All candidates who wish to be considered for membership must complete and return the application to the chapter advisor by the stated deadline in order to be considered for membership. A candidate whose forms are received after this date will not be considered for selection.

5. A list of the candidates who return application forms will be distributed to all faculty members, who will then complete, sign, and submit an evaluation of each candidate with whom they have had professional experience according to the selection criteria for leadership, service, and character. **It is expected that at this time, faculty may provide documented evidence to challenge the candidacy of any student who has demonstrated behavior which might preclude membership.**

6. The Faculty Council shall review all of the candidates’ Personal Data Sheets, faculty evaluations, and other relevant information to determine those who meet all of the criteria for membership in the chapter.

7. Prior to notification of any candidates, the chapter advisor shall present the results of the Faculty Council’s deliberations to the principal for review.

8. A letter indicating selection or non-selecion will be sent to all candidates notifying them of the Faculty Council’s decision.

9. Candidates selected for membership will be inducted at a formal ceremony in early April.

10. In cases of non-selection, a candidate may request a meeting with the advisor. The chapter advisor shall review and discuss with the candidate the summary notes from the Faculty Council session.

11. In the event that a student disagrees with the decision of the Faculty Council regarding selection, the student shall request a meeting with the principal no later than two weeks after the date of the selection letter. All decisions regarding selection appeals will be made by the principal.

**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SELECTION GUIDELINES**

The following guidelines clarify the categories of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. An ideal candidate for the National Honor Society would consistently exhibit these characteristics.

**SCHOLARSHIP:**
The scholarship requirement for the Catherine E. Churchill Memorial Chapter of the National Honor Society is to earn a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5 (no rounding) on a weighted scale. For the purposes of initial qualification, grade point averages will be calculated at the end of the first semester for sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

**Note:** Evidence of cheating or plagiarism during high school may disqualify a candidate from further consideration.
LEADERSHIP:

*The student who exhibits leadership...*

- serves as a role model for peers in upholding school ideals
- exemplifies positive attitudes, initiative, and responsibility
- takes initiative in supporting and promoting school activities
- shows resourcefulness in tackling challenges both in and out of the classroom, making suggestions
- successfully holds positions of responsibility and demonstrates highest standards of reliability and dependability
- performs responsibilities effectively and without prodding
- effectively delegates responsibility
- effectively guides and supports others in the classroom, at work, and in school or community activities

SERVICE:

*The student who serves...*

- assists members of the community in some extracurricular activity such as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, church group, volunteer services for the aged, poor, or disadvantaged, etc.
- volunteers dependable and well-organized assistance and is willing to sacrifice to offer assistance
- works effectively with others
- willingly takes on difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities
- cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school
- serves the class or school in inter-class or inter-scholastic competition or activities
- does committee work uncomplainingly
- shows courtesy to all
- shows initiative in assisting visitors, teachers, and peers

CHARACTER:

*The student of character...*

- accepts criticism and recommendations graciously
- exemplifies cheerfulness, friendliness, cooperation, and poise
- exhibits maturity in facing setbacks or challenges
- upholds the highest principals of morality, honesty, and reliability
- shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others
- faithfully complies with all school regulations and codes of conduct
- demonstrates perseverance
- actively promotes a healthy, respectful school environment