

National Honor Society

Procedures for Membership

Membership in the Haltom High School, Richland High School and Birdville High School Chapters of National Honor Society (NHS) is an honor bestowed upon individual students by the faculty council on behalf of the faculty and administration. Selection is based on

Philosophy for Selection/Non-Selection of Members

The philosophy for the selection/non-selection of members to the NHS in the high schools of BISD has been guided by the standards for selection/non-selection set forth in the NHS Handbook. The following are excerpts from the Handbook that govern selection/non-selection.

Selection

Students may not apply for membership in the National Honor Society. Membership is granted only to those students selected by the faculty council in each school.

Membership should never be considered on the basis of grades alone, even though a faculty council may consider scholarship as the most important of the four criteria.

In evaluating potential members for leadership, service and character, the faculty council develops working definitions of these criteria. The leadership criterion is considered highly important for membership selection. Some faculty councils may wish to interpret leadership in terms of number of offices a student has held in school or community organizations, although it is important to recognize that leadership also exists outside of elected positions. Leadership roles in both the school and community may be considered, provided they can be verified.

The criterion of service is often defined in terms of value of contributions. Common questions are: What contribution has the candidate made to school, classmates and community? - ments should be free of hearsay and rumor.

Non-Selection

Chapters are not obligated, however, to share with parents and students information concerning specific students not selected for membership in the Society. Technical errors, such as those qualified for induction, the erroneous averaging of grades, or the like.

The principal must choose five persons in addition to the faculty advisor to serve on the faculty council in whom he/she can place a high degree of trust.

In the absence of specific evidence to the contrary, however, the principal must assume that the members of the council are exercising their discretion in a legitimate manner and with the good faith expected of them.

The faculty council is to be expected to take its assignment seriously. It is important to uphold the integrity of Society standards and to recognize the potential danger of yielding to pressure tactics.