

South Hunterdon Regional Chapter of the National Honor Society

Selection Procedures

Membership in the South Hunterdon Regional Chapter of the National Honor Society is competitive. Students must not only demonstrate academic excellence throughout their high school careers, but also have a proven track record of consistent community service and leadership, as well as strength of character. It is an honor and a privilege to become a member of this prestigious society that recognizes those who have distinguished themselves as leaders in the classroom, school, and community.

In the winter of each school year, eligible juniors and seniors will be identified by the advisor and invited to a mandatory informational meeting during unit lunch. The purpose of the meeting will be to outline the requirements and deadlines of the selection criteria. Letters will be sent home to parents as well. Requirements will be as follows:

1. Candidates who are graduating in 2015, 2016, or 2017 must possess a minimum cumulative (unweighted) GPA of 3.0 in order to be considered. Beginning with the Class of 2018, candidates must possess a minimum cumulative (unweighted) GPA of 3.50.
2. Report cards will be reviewed quarterly during the year in which a candidate seeks admission to the National Honor Society. Grades of D or F in any class during any marking period of the selection year will preclude a candidate from qualifying.
3. Completed National Honor Society application by the deadline. Candidates are responsible for obtaining signatures from all club and service advisors, coaches, and employers as required on the application.
4. One required essay as outlined in the application packet.
5. Two letters of recommendation from academic teachers who can speak of the candidate's academic ability and leadership in the classroom.
6. One letter of recommendation from an advisor, coach, or employer who can speak of the candidate's commitment and leadership outside of the classroom.

Please note that 20 hours of community service each year of high school is required of all students at South Hunterdon. While there is no "set" number of hours per year

required specifically for National Honor Society membership, candidates should be able to consistently demonstrate service that goes above and beyond the minimum 20-hour-per-year requirement.

A firm due date will be set for all candidates to deliver their *completed* packet of application requirements to the advisor. Candidates will be given ample time to compile the necessary materials. After the due date, the Chapter Faculty Council will convene to review each candidate's packet of application requirements. No packet that is incomplete will be required. Candidates' disciplinary and attendance records will also be included as part of the selection process.

The Chapter Faculty Council will vote on each candidate who has given a completed packet of application requirements before or on the stated due date. Candidates must meet the requirements for scholarship, leadership, service, and character in order to be approved for induction to the National Honor Society. Majority vote rules with regard to the Chapter Faculty Council.

Appeals of the Chapter Faculty Council must be made *in writing* to both the National Honor Society advisor and the building principal. Appeals will be handled on a case-by-case basis by the Chapter Appeals Committee, which will consist of the building principal, two members of the Chapter Faculty Council, one teacher not currently serving on the Faculty Council, a guidance counselor, and the National Honor Society advisor. *Under no circumstances will an appeal request be honored for candidates who fail to hand in completed application packets by the deadline, or for candidates who hand in incomplete application packets.*