

## **Classical Preparatory School**

### **NHS Selection Procedure Description**

The National Honor Society chapter of Classical Preparatory School is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of this prestigious national organization. Membership is open to those students who meet the required standards in four areas of evaluation: scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Students are selected for membership by majority vote of a five-member principal-appointed faculty council, which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty of our school each semester.

#### **What is NHS?**

National Honor Society (NHS) membership has been the true mark of student achievement for over 100 years, but it goes far beyond a report card. By empowering, championing, and recognizing well-rounded students, NHS provides schools with a values-based framework to elevate a culture of scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

#### **What Is the Point of NHS?**

NHS provides the guidance necessary to improve and fortify excellence in character, academics, service, and leadership. This guidance and accountability will help you with numerous things in life including high school distinction, college admissions, and provides greatly beneficial development and growth as an active member of the community.

#### **What Are the Requirements To Be Accepted into NHS?**

Students in grades 10-12 are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale. Each semester, those students who meet this criterion are invited to complete a Candidate Form that provides the faculty council with information regarding the candidate's leadership and service.

After receiving the invitation the next step is to complete the membership application, which will be emailed to the student's account. Paper applications can be available upon request. Please email [advising@classicalprep.org](mailto:advising@classicalprep.org) for more information.

To evaluate a candidate's character, the faculty council uses several forms of input. After a membership application is completed by the student, school disciplinary records are reviewed. Next, members of the faculty are solicited for input regarding their professional reflections on a candidate's service activities, character, and leadership. Finally, students may be called in to interview with the faculty council before a final decision regarding selection is made.

Any solicited faculty input and all Candidate Forms are carefully reviewed by the faculty council to determine membership. A majority vote of the council is necessary for selection. Candidates are notified regarding selection or nonselection according to a predetermined schedule.

Following notification, a formal induction ceremony is held at the school to recognize all the newly selected members. Once inducted, new members are required to maintain the same level of performance (or better) in all four criteria that led to their selection.

### **What Are the Membership Obligations?**

Membership is an ongoing responsibility and obligation to continue to demonstrate the outstanding qualities that resulted in a student's selection. Students are expected to attend a chapter meeting once per month after school with the chapter adviser. As no student is inducted based solely on a high academic average, students are expected to maintain both high academic grades and strong leadership, service, character, and citizenship qualities. The chapter will conduct at least one service project per year. Students may have one excused absence per semester from chapter meetings, and are expected to earn at least three volunteer hours per via service projects. Failure to maintain these obligations may result in being placed on probation from the chapter or dismissal from the chapter.