



## Independence High School NHS Selection Procedure Description

The National Honor Society chapter of **Independence High 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 in **November and May of the charter year and each May subsequent years.**

Students in grades **11-12** 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. After the inaugural year, each **spring** those students who meet this criterion are invited to complete a Candidate Application Form that provides the faculty council with information regarding the candidate's character, leadership and service. **In addition to scholarship, a student must have at least 30 documented hours of community service not of the same organization AND participation in at least one student activity organization each year of high school.**

To evaluate a candidate's character, the faculty council uses two forms of input. First, school disciplinary records are reviewed. **Second, students are required to submit an essay as part of their candidate portfolio that asks them to reflect on their leadership and character.**

All Candidate Application 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 non-selection 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.