

*The Tidewater Academy Chapter
of the National Honor Society
2007-2008*

National Honor Society Membership

Eligibility is open to students in the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades. Students may not apply for membership; they are reviewed and selected by a faculty council.

Membership in the National Honor Society is based upon excellence in four areas: **Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character**. Each category is judged independently.

To be eligible for consideration as a second-semester sophomore during the **2007-2008** academic year a student must have a cumulative grade point average of at least a **4.00**; first-semester sophomores are not eligible for membership. During the **2007-2008** academic year junior and senior students with a minimum cumulative grade point average of a **3.50** are eligible for consideration.

While **Scholarship** is regarded as the most important of the four criteria -- because without the requisite average a student cannot otherwise be eligible for consideration -- membership in the National Honor Society is not considered on the basis of **Scholarship** alone.

Other selection guidelines include the following:

Character:

- cooperates by complying with school regulations concerning care of school property, etc.
- demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability
- manifests truthfulness in acknowledging obedience of rules, avoiding cheating, and showing unwillingness to profit by the mistakes of others
- shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others
- takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously
- upholds principles of morality and ethics
- observes instructions and rules, punctuality, and faithfulness in obligations both inside and outside the classroom

Service:

- maintains a loyal school attitude
- participates in some outside activity: girls scouts, boy scouts, church groups, volunteer services for aged or disadvantaged, family duties
- volunteers dependable and well-organized assistance
- works well with others and is willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities
- is willing to render cheerfully and enthusiastically any requested service to the school
- is willing to represent his/her class or school in interclass or interscholastic competition
- shows courtesy by assisting teachers and other students

Leadership:

- demonstrates leadership in promoting school activities and regulations
- exercises influence on peers in upholding school ideals and rules
- contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school
- inspires positive behavior in others
- demonstrates academic initiative
- holds school offices or positions of responsibility
- is reliable and dependable without prodding
- demonstrates leadership in classroom, at work, and in school activities
- is dependable in any responsibility he/she accepts

Transfer students must be in attendance for one semester before they are eligible for consideration by the Faculty Selection Committee.

In order to maintain membership in the National Honor Society a student must conform to the following:

1. Members must continue to display only desirable character traits.
2. Immediate dismissal for:
 - a) any serious infraction of any of the rules in the student handbook. i.e. drugs, alcohol on campus, etc.
 - b) cheating -- when there is tangible proof or observation by a faculty or staff member. (Any student or teacher that suspects a NHS member may be cheating should report the incident to the NHS sponsors **immediately!**)
3. Members must maintain a grade point average of at least 3.50 per semester. Members failing to do this will be put on academic probation and given one semester to acquire a GPA of a 3.50 or better.
4. A warning will be given for a grade of "D" or "F" on the report card during any grading period. Failure to raise the grade in that subject during the next grading period will result in dismissal.
5. Failure resulting from the school attendance policy will be reviewed by the Faculty Selection Committee and a decision regarding the student's membership made.
6. All warnings and dismissals will be given in writing to the student and a copy mailed home to the parent(s).
7. At the time of dismissal a student **must** turn in his/her pin and membership card.
8. Once a student is dismissed he/she will never be eligible for membership again in our school.