

## SELECTION PROCESS FOR NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Selection for NHS takes place once a year in the fall semester and induction occurs in January.

As per BACS' NHS constitution, eligibility requirements are listed below:

Section 1. Membership in this chapter shall be based upon scholarship, character, leadership and service.

Section 2. Membership in this chapter shall be known as active, honorary, and graduate. Honorary status shall be granted by the Faculty Council. The graduate members have no vote. Active members become graduate members at graduation.

Section 3. To be eligible for selection to membership in this chapter, the candidate must have been in attendance for a period of one semester at Bay Area Christian School.

Section 4. Candidates eligible for election to this chapter must be members of the sophomore, junior, or senior class.

To be eligible for selection to this chapter a student must have a cumulative average of at least 95. All students who meet the academic standard will be considered for membership selection. In addition, a form must be completed listing participation and leadership in school and other activities. **Being eligible does not guarantee membership. Eligibility shall then be considered based on character, leadership and service.**

### Selection:

Section 1. The final selection of members to this chapter shall be by majority vote of the Faculty Council, consisting of five faculty members plus the National Honor Society advisor who serves as an ex-officio member. The principal appoints these six members.

### The Process:

As per the NHS National Handbook, "While academic criterion is important and should be considered first, membership should never be considered on the basis of grades alone..." Therefore a review of academically eligible students is conducted by the Faculty Council to determine which of those students meet the criteria of character, leadership and service, in that order.

According to the NHS National Handbook, the student of character:

- Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously
- Upholds principles of morality and ethics
- Cooperates by complying with school regulations
- Demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability

- Observes instructions and rules, is punctual, and faithful both inside and outside the classroom
- Manifests truthfulness in acknowledging obedience to rules

Academically eligible students' discipline and attendance records from the previous year and the current 9-weeks are reviewed.

Students whose records reflect compliance with school attendance and discipline policies will then be reviewed to determine leadership and service. That is accomplished when those students complete a Student Activity Information Form and return it by the deadline.

Those forms are reviewed by the Faculty Council and final selection of new members is determined by majority vote of the Faculty Council.

New members who receive selection notices must then complete the acceptance form and return it by the deadline. Dues are collected within 30 days from formal notification of a student's selection to NHS.