



Karankawa Chapter of the National Honor Society Calhoun High School

Effective School Year 2019-2020

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SELECTION PROCESSES

The Karankawa Chapter of the National Honor Society at Calhoun High School has developed its selection procedures to comply with national standards and guidelines; however, the selection procedures may vary slightly from that of other high school, as national guidelines allow each chapter to modify its selection process to meet local needs. Once selected and inducted, members have the responsibility to continue demonstrating excellence in the areas of community, scholarship, leadership, and success.

Eligibility

Juniors and Seniors who are enrolled full-time at Calhoun High School are eligible for consideration. Students cumulative calculated grade point average must be a 95.0 as indicated on the student's official transcript. Cumulative grade point averages are not rounded up. Additionally, students must have a minimum average of two advanced core courses per academic year. Core classes are defined as being in the departments of English, mathematics, science, social studies, and foreign language. Advanced courses include Pre-AP, AP, dual credit, OnRamps, and honors courses as officially indicated on the student's transcript. Finally, the student must have been enrolled for one full semester preceding selection, except in cases of membership transfer.

Selection Process

At the start of each school year, the chapter adviser works with the Registrar and Counselors to evaluate cumulative grade point averages and examines transcripts to generate a list of students who meet academic eligibility criteria.

After the initial list of students is compiled, the faculty council is notified of potential members. The faculty council meets to confirm eligibility in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. This includes a review of the student's cumulative discipline record as well as faculty input. A majority vote is required to confirm the member's invitation status.

After faculty council vote, the adviser and campus principal meet to discuss and finalize the list of prospective members.

Following review and confirmation, the faculty adviser will notify the selected student by letter that they are invited to join the Karankawa Chapter of the National Honor Society.

Students who are invited are required to attend an informational meeting concerning membership in the National Honor Society. At this meeting, students will be informed about the date of induction.

Transfers

Students who transfer from a high school where they withdrew as a member of that school and were a member of that high school's National Honor Society chapter in good standing are admitted into the membership of this chapter, subject to verification by the faculty adviser. Transfer members must meet the new chapter's standards within one semester in order to retain membership (Article VII, Section 6, NHS Constitution).

Non-Selection

There is no set number of percent of students who will be selected each year. Final decisions are the determination of the faculty council using input from student records and faculty recommendations. A majority vote of the Faculty Council is required for selection. The faculty adviser and principal have no vote. The vote of the Faculty Council is final.

Appeals may be made on an individual basis to the campus principal.

In compliance with FERPA, no individual is permitted to discuss the reason for or against selection with anyone other than the student affected and his or her parent or guardian. At no time will the reason for or against a student's selection be discussed with another student or his or her parent.

Regaining Eligibility

National guidelines prohibit students who have resigned or been dismissed from the National Honor Society from ever again being eligible for membership (Article VII, Section 7, NHS Constitution).