



NHS Selection Procedure Description

Selection to NHS is a privilege bestowed upon students by the Faculty of the school, and not considered a right inherent to any student. Students do not apply for membership in the National Honor Society. Instead, they await an invitation to provide the information that supports their candidacy. NHS is more than an honor roll. Each member must demonstrate not only good grades but also strength in the areas of leadership, service, and character.

Membership is open to those students who meet the required standards in four areas of evaluation: scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Students are selected for membership by majority vote of an anonymous 5-member Faculty Council, appointed by the principal, which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty of our school each year. The chapter adviser is also appointed by the principal and facilitates the selection procedures and chapter activities during the year.

Students in their Junior and Senior year are eligible for membership. Starting with the class of 2024, the scholarship criterion will be based on a weighted cumulative GPA of 3.6 or higher. 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. Only students who have attended Goffstown High school for at least one semester may be considered for membership. This is necessary for students to establish themselves at Goffstown academically and become familiar to the community.

To evaluate a candidate's service and leadership, the Faculty Council reviews the candidate form for service to the school and community throughout their high school career. Candidates are invited to tutor in the Grizzly Den at the start of their Junior year and must document their hours of service in the school tutoring program. A candidate's consistent and active engagement as a tutor throughout the entirety of the candidacy window is weighed heavily by the Faculty Council.

The Faculty Council obtains additional formal input to evaluate a candidate's character. First, official school disciplinary records are reviewed. Second, members of the faculty provide their professional reflections on a candidate's character and leadership. Third, candidates must obtain one reference from an employer or community leader. Coaches can provide references if they are not also faculty at the high school.

The professional input and candidate forms are carefully reviewed by the Faculty Council to determine whether each candidate meets the criteria for membership. A majority vote of the Council is necessary for selection. Following a review of the voting results by the principal, candidates are notified regarding selection or non-selection according to a predetermined schedule.

Once the notification process is completed, 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 criteria that led to their selection. This obligation includes regular attendance at chapter meetings held monthly during the school year and weekly participation in the school tutoring program. A full list of member obligations is provided to all candidates and is available from the chapter adviser upon request. Students or parents who have questions regarding the selection process or membership obligations can contact the chapter adviser.