

National Honor Society Criteria

Selection to NHS is a privilege bestowed upon students by the Faculty of the school, and not considered a right inherent to any student. NHS is more than an honor roll. Each member must demonstrate not only good grades, but also strength in each of the remaining three criteria.

Scholarship:

The scholarship requirement set by the National Council is based on a student's cumulative grade point average. The minimum cumulative grade point average may exceed, but may not be less than the national minimum average. The minimum grade point average for the Mattituck Chapter is 88.000.

Leadership:

The leadership criterion is considered highly important for membership selection. A student exercises leadership when he or she:

- Is resourceful in proposing new problems, applying principles, and making suggestions
- Demonstrates initiative in promoting school activities
- Exercises positive influence on peers in upholding school ideals and spirit
- Contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school
- Is able to delegate responsibilities
- Inspires positive behavior in others
- Demonstrates academic initiative
- Successfully holds school offices or positions of responsibility, conducts business effectively and efficiently, demonstrates reliability and dependability
- Is a leader in the classroom, at work, or in other school or community activities
- Is dependable in any responsibility accepted.

Service:

Service is generally considered to be those actions undertaken by the student which are done with or on behalf of others without any direct financial or material compensation. The student who serves:

- Volunteers and provides dependable and well-organized assistance, and is willing to make sacrifices to offer assistance
- Works well with others and is willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities
- Enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school
- Is willing to represent the class or school in interclass and interscholastic competition
- Does committee and staff work without complaint
- Participates in some activity outside of school, for example, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, religious groups, volunteer services for the elderly, poor, or disadvantaged
- Mentors in the community or students at school or other schools
- Shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers, and students.

Character:

A person of character demonstrates the following six qualities: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. A candidate will be able to demonstrate an outstanding record of conduct and behavior with regard to school and community rules, guidelines, and policies, or be able to demonstrate sufficient growth and improvement to compensate for previous inadequacies.