

## Character

A person of character demonstrates the following six qualities: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. The criterion for character will be based on professional input from the high school faculty. Members of the high school faculty will provide reflections on a candidate's service activities, character, citizenship, and leadership using a form. There will also be at least two recommendations for each student provided by high school faculty on the forms. Official school disciplinary records will also be reviewed. Students who have a disciplinary offense prior to selection or induction, must indicate this in on the Candidate Information Form and will have an opportunity to explain growth and behavior improvements since the offense occurred.

## Service

The service criterion is school and community service that a student completes while in high school. For the Kiel Chapter of NHS, students must demonstrate on their Candidate Information Form the completion of a minimum of 15 hours of documented school or community service since the start of ninth grade and prior to selection year.

## Selection of Candidates

Candidate Information Forms and Faculty Professional Reflection Forms are carefully reviewed by the Faculty Council to determine whether each candidate meets the criteria for membership. Candidates are then notified in a letter regarding selection to the National Honor Society.

# Kiel High School Chapter of the



# National Honor Society

## About the National Honor Society

The National Honor Society founded in 1921 is based on four pillars of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Membership is an honor given to deserving students based on criteria for these four pillars. Chapters of the NHS operate in all fifty states and many schools around the world. Each year, chapters of the NHS contribute thousands of hours of school or community service, raise thousands of dollars for charitable donations, and donate thousands of pounds of food to local, state, and national causes. The NHS program empowers and equips students with the knowledge and skills to be transformative leaders in the school, community, and beyond

## Selection Criteria for the Four Pillars of Scholarship, Leadership, Service & Character

### Scholarship

Scholarship is based on a student's cumulative GPA. For the Kiel High School Chapter of NHS, the cumulative GPA scholarship criterion is a cumulative GPA of 3.6 or better on a 4.0 scale. Those students who meet this criterion are invited to complete a Candidate Information Form that provides a Faculty Council with information regarding the candidate's leadership and service. The Faculty Council is a group of 5 faculty members who extensively review the Candidate Information Forms, and select the NHS members.

### Leadership

A history of co-curricular activities and leadership experiences is required to meet the leadership criterion for the Kiel High School Chapter of the NHS. Students must have participated in and documented at least 2 student activity organizations in high school each year for two years prior to their selection year. Students must also have a minimum of two documented leadership skills in school, work or the community since ninth grade. Students can also document leadership positions held in high school for this requirement.