

Prentiss M. Brown Chapter of the National Honor Society – LaSalle High School Selection Process

The National Honor Society chapter of LaSalle High School is a duly-chartered and affiliated chapter of the National Honor Society.

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 a 5-member Faculty Council, appointed annually by the principal, which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty of our school in April each year. The chapter adviser, Connie Olsen, is also appointed by the principal and facilitates all selection procedures and chapter activities during the year.

Students in 11th and 12th grade are eligible for membership following their 5th semester. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.400 or better on a 4.0 scale. Those students who meet this criterion are invited to complete a Candidate Information Form that provides the Faculty Council with information regarding the candidate's participation in school co-curricular activities, leadership activities and community service hours.

The basic standards for consideration for selection to the National Honor Society are:

- Enrollment in grades 11 and 12
- A minimum cumulative G.P.A. of 3.400
- A minimum of 2 points earned by participation in a school co-curricular activity
- A minimum of 4 leadership points
- A minimum of 30 hours of community service since the end of 8th grade (hours must be verified by an adult other than the student's family).
- Students must receive a positive recommendation for character from the faculty, coaches, and advisors with whom they have daily contact.

The Faculty Council makes the final selection.

Membership is retained by maintaining a 3.400 cumulative G.P.A., by exhibiting service, leadership and character qualifications at the same level as when selected, by participating in NHS meetings and projects, and by undertaking individual service projects.

To evaluate a candidate's character, the Faculty Council obtains additional professional input. First, official school disciplinary records are reviewed. Second, members of the faculty are requested to provide their professional reflections on a candidate's service activities, character, citizenship, and leadership. Evaluating the student's character and review of the students Candidate Information Forms are carefully completed 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 results of the Faculty Council voting 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 during the school year, and participation in the chapter service projects(s). Students who have questions regarding the selection process or membership obligations can contact the chapter adviser, Connie Olsen, in the guidance office or by phone at 906-643-8800 Ext.326.