

Information about Applying for the National Honor Society

The National Honor Society is an organization that is based on scholarship, service, character and leadership. Membership in NHS is a privilege, not a right; students must meet high academic, extra-curricular, and service standards.

If a student's cumulative GPA is a 3.5 or higher and has attended Arundel High School for at least one semester, he/she is eligible to apply for the National Honor Society. On this application, advisors will be looking for examples of school involvement, extra curricular activities, community service, and leadership. It is important that students have experience in each of these areas. As school and community service are some of the most important aspects of NHS, it is expected that each applicant will have at least four examples of each. These examples should show that the student has a commitment to continued service. Character is measured in terms of integrity, behavior, ethics, and cooperation with both students and faculty members. The students' applications will be reviewed by the NHS advisors, and presented to a council of teachers in the building. These teachers will review not only the applications, but also faculty comments, and will make a decision about each student's membership. The NHS advisors do not play a role in this decision and only act as facilitators for the process. Current NHS students do not play any role in the application process.

An information session will be held in May to inform students about the application process. This session will be announced on the morning announcements and will provide students with information about the application process. A specific due date for applications will be announced in the fall. Inductions will take place at the end of November or the beginning of December.

Throughout the year, all NHS students participate in various tutoring, community and school service activities. Membership in the National Honor Society is a large time commitment and should be taken very seriously. If any students violate school policies while they are NHS members, their membership may be revoked.

If students or parents have any questions, they can contact Ms. Lindsay (ALindsay@aacps.org) or Ms. Kretchman (LKretchman@aacps.org).