

The National Honor Society (NHS) “is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to recognize those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since its beginning in 1921. Chapter membership not only recognizes students for their accomplishments, but challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service.”

St. Joseph by-the-Sea High School students inducted into the NHS should be especially devoted to these ideals, and exemplify these qualities. ***The selection criteria for induction into our school’s chapter of the NHS are as follows:***

- All nominees must have a cumulative scholastic average (overall average for their entire high school career) in the top 25% of the junior class, as of the completion of the third quarter of the student’s junior year. (Students not initially selected for the NHS may reapply during the first quarter of their senior year, at the discretion of the Faculty Council.)
- Two years of participation in one or more co-curricular activities at our school, as verified by faculty/administration.
- Minimum of one year of confirmed community service, as verified by the recipient organization/institution.
- Involvement in a St. Joseph by-the-Sea High School charitable or service event, as verified by faculty/administration.
- Approbation of character by faculty and administration.
- Demonstrable leadership qualities will enhance a candidate’s application!

The St. Joseph by-the-Sea High School Faculty Council is responsible for all student selections to the NHS (a majority vote of the Council is required for student selection). The Chapter Adviser is an ex officio, nonvoting member of the Council. Neither the principal or assistant principal(s) can be members of the Faculty Council.

Students who possess the requisite scholastic average will be provided with an NHS nomination form; it must be returned to the Chapter Adviser by the specified date. (Any student failing to return the form by the due date will no longer be considered for NHS membership.) Returned forms will be utilized by the Faculty Council to select the membership of our school’s chapter of the NHS, based on the above criteria. A student is not officially in the NHS until the induction ceremony takes place.