

How to Get into National Honor Society at Bishop Kelly High School

NHS considers four areas in accepting members: character, leadership, scholarship, and service. Students have two chances for acceptance into NHS at BK: after the first semester of junior year and at the start of senior year.

To be scholastically eligible for NHS in junior year, a student needs to have a cumulative GPA of 3.75 on the 5 point weighted scale or above. The same scholastic criteria are applied to first semester seniors. Those who meet the scholastic requirement complete an information form to enlighten the faculty council to all demonstrated character, leadership and service. Students also ask adults to write two recommendation forms, one of which must be completed by a Bishop Kelly employee, to the council. Family members cannot serve as recommenders.

The names of those scholastically eligible and their information are then shared with the faculty council. The faculty council consists of five to ten teachers who have wide experience with students. The NHS advisor, a counselor and one administrator also may meet with the council but have no vote in selecting members. The faculty council decides whether candidates have demonstrated sufficient character, leadership and service for acceptance into NHS. Remember scholastic eligibility is already established.

Candidate's contributions to the community are considered, but since this is a school organization, involvement at school is emphasized in the council's considerations. There is no limit to the number of students that may be accepted into NHS at BK. All who have demonstrated sufficiently the four characteristics of NHS, in judgment of the faculty council, may be accepted. All materials used in the selection process are destroyed upon completion of the process to ensure the privacy of students.

Students are notified by letter about their acceptance or rejection for NHS membership. Often it takes 2-3 weeks for the council to complete their work. No notifications are made until ALL candidates have been evaluated.

Students may be dropped from NHS if they cease to demonstrate the characteristics of membership.

Questions? Contact Mrs. Dalrymple, moderator, at wdalrymple@bk.org.

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