

## CECOLC NJHS Selection Procedure Description

The National Junior Honor Society chapter of Colorado Early Colleges Online Campus is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of this prestigious national organization. Membership is open to those students who meet the required standards in five areas of evaluation: scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. Students are selected for membership by majority vote of a five-member principal-appointed faculty council, which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty of our school each spring.

Students in grades 2<sup>nd</sup> semester 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 9<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale. Each spring those students who meet this criterion are invited to complete a Candidate Form that provides the faculty council with information regarding the candidate's leadership and service.

For the leadership requirements, students should get <u>1 letter of recommendation</u> from a coach, mentor, or advisor (<u>not a teacher!</u>) from one official extracurricular activity (i.e. official club, organized sport, performing arts, or visual arts) they participate in, whether it is inside or outside of school.

For service requirements, students are expected to complete and document 10 hours of community service each year, with at least 2 of those hours coming from the chapter organized community service event each semester.

To evaluate a candidate's character, the faculty council uses two forms of input. First, school disciplinary records are reviewed. Second, members of the faculty are solicited for input regarding their professional reflections on a candidate's service activities, character, and leadership.

Any solicited faculty input and all Candidate Forms are carefully reviewed by the faculty council to determine membership. A majority vote of the council is necessary for selection. Candidates are notified regarding selection or nonselection according to a predetermined schedule.

Following notification, 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 four criteria that led to their selection.

Interested students will be expected to complete an interested candidate form, included their letter of recommendation, by Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at the end of the school day.

Students will be notified of their selection by March 31st, by the end of the school day.

We will have our first meeting and elect officers on April 11<sup>th</sup>, please consider whether or not you would like to run for an office. We will have a president, a vice president, a treasurer and a secretary. Message me if you would like to run for an office. You will have to give a 1 minute speech about yourself and why you are suited for the position at the meeting and then we will hold a vote.

We will have an official induction ceremony at the beginning of the next school year to formally welcome you all to the NJHS! Stay tuned for more details about that!