

NHS Membership Selection & Appeal Process 2022

To be considered for membership, a student must meet the following criteria:

- 1) be a second semester sophomore or a junior
- 2) have been in regular classroom attendance at PCHS for a minimum of 1 semester in the year of application
- 3) have a cumulative weighted G.P.A. of 3.5 or higher

The selection procedures:

- 1) Application timeline will be announced via school call out, put on PCHS website, and/or posted during lunch.
- 2) Students eligible to apply must submit a hard copy of the application (found on PCHS website) to the NHS Advisor (Mrs. James Room 5-136) before the deadline stated on the application.
- 3) Once all applications have been collected, NHS advisor will collect the information from each application and present it to the Faculty Council comprised of 5 faculty members.
- 4) The Faculty Council shall evaluate each candidate's membership qualifications and rank them from most qualified to least qualified.
- 5) The Faculty Council shall make a recommendation on membership and submit the list to the principal for approval or modification.

National Honor Society membership is not a right of any student; it is an honor bestowed upon outstanding students who exemplify the four characteristics of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Meeting the minimum G.P.A. requirement does not guarantee membership.

- 6) A list of selected members shall be posted in public areas around campus and/or acceptance letters will be sent out during first period.
- 7) A student whose name is not listed among the approved membership candidates may request that his or her membership credentials be re-examined. To request an appeal the student must email the NHS advisor by the deadline posted (see second page for more details)

National Honor Society Appeals Process for Non-Selection

Selection of members into the National Honor Society is a privilege and not a right guaranteed to a student. The faculty Council is also not required to give a reason for non-selection. Please understand, the chapter adviser does not vote on selection or non-selection of students. The chapter adviser only compiles the information from applications, takes notes of faculty counsel's decisions, and provides clarification of NHS member requirements. If a student is not selected and would like to appeal to have their application reconsidered, then the student should follow these steps:



Because NHS encourages strong leadership and character students themselves are expected to seek an appeal themselves.

1st - The student needs to request an appeal to the NHS Advisor through email.

*** Appeals must be submitted by March 14, 2022. If no appeal is received, then all records will be destroyed, and no future appeal will be considered.**

2nd - Once an appeal has been received, the Chapter adviser will then have 14 days to meet with the school principal, using the letter of appeal and the summary notes of the faculty council, to discuss if an appeal is warranted.

The Principal then can choose the outcome of the appeal:

- A) Rejection of appeal; sustaining the original judgment.
- B) Request for the faculty council to reconsider the case. This does not guarantee acceptance.
- C) An overturning of the Faculty Council's decision by the administration- immediate acceptance.

All outcomes of appeals will be determined within 30 days of receipt of an appeal. Students will only be notified of the result of the appeal process once a decision of selection or non-selection has been made final.