

**National Honor Society
Cupeyville School
Criteria for Selection**

The criteria for selection into the NHS are the following:

- **Scholarship:** Students who have a cumulative grade point average of **95%** or above throughout the whole school year meet the scholarship requirement for membership. These students are then eligible for consideration on the basis of **service, leadership, and character.**
- **Service:** This quality is defined through the voluntary contributions made by a student to the school or community, done without compensation and with a positive, courteous, and enthusiastic spirit.

*** The student who serves:**

1. Is willing to uphold scholarship and maintain a loyal school attitude.
 2. Volunteers dependable and well organized assistance, is gladly available, and is willing to sacrifice to offer assistance.
 3. Works well with others and is willing to take on certain responsibilities.
 4. Cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school.
 5. Is willing to represent the class or school in inter-class and interscholastic competition.
 6. Does committee and staff work without complaint.
 7. Shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers, and students.
- **Leadership:** Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, promoters of school activities, idea contributors, dependable, and persons who exemplify positive attitudes about life. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activities while working with or for others.

*** The student who exercises leadership:**

1. Is resourceful in proposing new problems, applying principles, and making suggestions.
2. Demonstrates initiative in promoting school activities.
3. Exercises influence on peers in upholding school ideals.
4. Contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school.
5. Is able to delegate responsibilities.
6. Exemplifies positive attitudes.
7. Inspires positive behavior in others.
8. Demonstrates academic initiative.

9. Successfully holds school offices or positions of responsibility, conducting business effectively and efficiently, and without prodding, demonstrates reliability and dependability.
 10. Is a forerunner in the classroom, at work, and in school or community activities.
 11. Is thoroughly dependable in any responsibility accepted.
- **Character:** The student of good character upholds principles of morality and ethics, is cooperative, demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability, shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others, and generally maintains a good and clean lifestyle.

* **The students of character:**

1. Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously.
2. Consistently exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior (cheerfulness, friendliness, poise, stability).
3. Uphold principles of morality and ethics.
4. Cooperates by complying with school regulations concerning property, programs, office, halls, etc.
5. Demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability
6. Observes instructions and rules, punctuality, and faithfulness both inside and outside the classroom.
7. Has shown perseverance and application to studies.
8. Manifests truthfulness in acknowledging obedience to rules, avoiding cheating in written work, and showing unwillingness to profit by the mistakes of others.

Warnings, Probations, Dismissals

It is important to understand that once a student has joined the **NHS**, s/he must maintain each grading period with the same high standards by which s/he first qualified. Should s/he fail to meet those standards any marking period, the student will receive a verbal and written warning. If the student has only slightly slipped below the overall cumulative average of 95% or above by the end of first semester, s/he will be placed on probation to give him/her a chance to raise his/her grade point average during the second semester. However, in cases where a serious violation of school rules or civil laws has taken place, a member may be immediately dismissed.

Once a student is dismissed from either the **NJHS** or **NHS** due to a serious violation, s/he may never again be legible for membership into that division.

The **National Honor Society** is indeed an elite group of students who meet and must maintain rigid academic and personal standards. Members take pride in their accomplishments and strive diligently toward their goals of attaining a superior education and of contributing to their school and community.

Opt - Out Option

A chapter can include an "Opt-Out Form" which contains the details of the student's decision. Returning such forms should not preclude the student from being considered in the next round of selection as long as he or she still meets the prerequisite qualifications established by the chapter.

Resignation

A member who resigns from the National Honor Society will never again be eligible for membership or its benefits. Resignation from the Honor Society should involve the submission of a Drop-Out Form that details the student's decision. Verbal resignations are generally insufficient to end membership. Students contemplating resignation should be informed of the ramifications of their resignation.

Students cannot be forced to resign. This situation would be interpreted as a dismissal order for which the process, as outlined in Article X of the national constitution, must be followed.