



## NHS Selection Procedure Description

The National Honor Society chapter of Portage Christian School is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of this prestigious national organization. Membership is open to those students who meet the required standards in four areas of evaluation: scholarship, service, leadership, and character. 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 November.

Students in grades 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale. Each fall, 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.

To evaluate a candidate's character, the faculty council uses two forms of input. First, school disciplinary records are reviewed. Any student receiving an out-of-school suspension within a year of the selection process will not qualify for candidacy. 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.

The following schedule will be used for the 2018-2019 school year:

- Invitations to eligible students will be given out by October 5.
- Paperwork from candidates is due by October 19
- The Faculty Council will vote on October 22.
- Formal invitations will be extended October 26
- The induction ceremony will take place November 15.