Westfield Area High School juniors and seniors who have earned a **3.2** cumulative grade point average are eligible for *consideration* for membership into the Westfield Area High School Chapter of the National Honor Society. Students with this required minimum grade point average, who wish to be considered for membership, will be evaluated and selected by a faculty committee. The Faculty Committee consists of five teachers and the chapter Advisor.

In addition to scholarship, members are evaluated on the additional criteria of leadership, service, and character. Membership into the National Honor Society is a selection process; it is not an election. Students being considered for membership will complete a student Candidate Form to be used by the faculty committee in making the membership selections.

The maximum number of points a student may earn in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, and character is 75. Students receiving above a 60% rating (45 points) and a majority vote from the Faculty Committee will be inducted into the society.

It is important for all applicants to understand that selection into the Westfield Area High School Chapter of the National Honor Society is a privilege and is not a right of any student. Applicants and their parents must understand that NHS is not an organization that simply recognizes good kids with good grades. The application process and selection criteria are rigorous, and many students that apply for induction will not be chosen. Applicants and their parents should not approach the application process “expecting” to be selected. NHS guidelines prohibit any type of quota system for selection.  There is no set number or percentage of students who will be selected each year.

Decisions regarding the selection and non-selection of candidates belong to the NHS Faculty Committee. The Faculty Committee’s decision is final and is not subject to appeal. Chapters are neither legally nor constitutionally obligated to share with parents and students information concerning reasons for the non-selection of students into the organization. It is the practice of the Westfield Area High School chapter that the members of the Faculty Committee remain anonymous. Additionally, it is our practice that all information used by the Faculty Committee and NHS Advisor during the selection process remains confidential.

At the discretion of the Advisor, The National Honor Society Advisor may give general information to the student concerning the reason(s) for selection or non-selection. Such information may be given to the student if he or she sets up a private meeting with the Advisor. The National Honor Society Advisor will not field questions from parents about why their child was not selected for induction, and parents are not part of a meeting between the student and Advisor.