

The National Honor Society
Ursa Major Chapter at the Colorado Springs School
Biannual Selection Process

General Requirements for NHS Eligibility:

- Junior or Senior class
- Minimum 3.25 cumulative CSS GPA
- Attendance at CSS of at least two terms
- Excellence in Character, Leadership, and Service

August and January: NHS Faculty Advisor checks cumulative GPAs of all juniors and seniors. Those meeting the minimum Scholarship requirement of 3.25 are emailed an invitation to an informational meeting to find out more about the organization and the selection process.

Those academically-eligible students who attend the informational meeting are instructed to complete the NHS Information Form that is shared with them. Deadlines are announced and strictly enforced.

Upon reaching the set deadline for submission of Information Forms, the NHS Faculty Advisor surveys the entire staff and faculty of CSS for relevant feedback and ranking of each eligible student who completed the Information Form by the deadline. The campus adults are given the opportunity to express their opinions about the students' Character, Leadership, and Service using a scale of 1-4, with the option for additional comments.

The NHS Faculty Advisor then calls for a meeting of the NHS Faculty Council (a group of 5 teachers chosen annually by the Upper School Division Lead Teacher and NHS Faculty Advisor). Prior to this meeting, members are given the opportunity to read through the Student Information Forms. At this meeting, the results of the surveys are discussed along with the Information Forms. After a thorough discussion about each student, the Faculty Advisor calls for a vote to nominate for selection. A majority must be reached for nomination. The Faculty Advisor is not a voting member of the Faculty Council.

Students are then called to meet with the Faculty Advisor (and another member of the Faculty when possible) to discuss the results of the Council's deliberation. Students who are nominated for selection are given some time to decide whether or not they would like to join NHS. Should they accept, they are inducted at the next official meeting and begin active membership. Students who are not nominated for selection are counselled about the decision of the Faculty Council and are encouraged to re-submit their information forms the following semester, as long as they remain academically eligible.