




Hackensack High School
E.T. Marlatt Chapter of the National Honor Society
135 1st Street
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Candidate Consideration Standards

Membership into the National Honor Society is a privilege and granted to those students who fulfill the four principles:

 **Scholarship**

- The student who commits to learning:
 - is willing to spend hours in reading and studying;
 - understands that knowledge is one great element in life which leads to the highest success;
 - continues to learn even when formal education has ended.

 **Leadership**

- The student who exercises leadership:
 - is resourceful in identifying new problems, applying new principles, and making suggestions;
 - demonstrates initiative in promoting school activities;
 - exercises influence on peers in upholding school ideals;
 - contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school;
 - is able to delegate responsibilities;
 - inspires positive behavior in others;
 - demonstrates academic initiative;
 - successfully holds school offices or positions of responsibility; conducts business effectively and efficiently; demonstrates reliability;
 - is a leader in the classroom, at work and in school or community activities;
 - is thoroughly dependable in any responsibility accepted;
 - is willing to uphold scholarship and maintain a loyal school attitude.

 **Service**

- The student who serves:
 - volunteers and provides dependable and well organized assistance, is gladly available and is willing to sacrifice to offer assistance;
 - works well with others and is willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities;
 - cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school;
 - is willing to represent the class or school in inter-class and inter-scholastic competition;
 - does committee and staff work without complaint;
 - participates in some activity outside of school, for example, Girls Scouts, Boy Scouts, church groups, volunteer services for the elderly, poor or disadvantaged;
 - mentors persons in the community or students at other schools;
 - shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers and students.



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Character

- The student of character:
 - takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously;
 - consistently exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior (cheerfulness, friendliness, poise, stability);
 - upholds principles of morality and ethics;
 - follows school rules and civic laws;
 - cooperates by complying with school regulations concerning property, programs, office, halls, etc.;
 - demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability;
 - regularly shows courtesy, concern and respect for others;
 - observes instructions and rules, is punctual, and faithful both inside and outside the classroom;
 - has powers of concentration, self-discipline, and sustained attention as shown by perseverance and application to studies;
 - manifests truthfulness in acknowledging obedience to rules avoiding cheating in written work, and showing unwillingness to profit by the mistakes of others;
 - actively helps rid the school of bad influences or environment.

The basic standards for consideration for selection to the E. T. Marlatt Chapter of the National Honor Society of Hackensack High School are:

1. Enrollment in Grades 11 & 12
 2. A minimum GPA of 3.5. (**Scholarship**)
 3. A minimum of 100 (**70 for 2021 only**) hours of community service work. (**Service**)
 4. A minimum overall average of 3.0 in teacher recommendations. (**Character** and **Leadership**)
- Advanced Placement and Honors courses will be weighted the same as other courses;
 - At least 60 of the 100 community service hours must be obtained out-of-school and from non-profit sources:
 - Examples: churches, soup kitchens, food banks, nursing homes, animal shelters, hospitals, etc.;
 - No more than 40 hours can be from within Hackensack High School:
 - Examples: Drop-In Center, Study Buddies (5 hours minimum for 2020-2021 induction), staff-organized tutoring, camp counseling, etc.;
 - There must be a total of at least three different sources of work;
 - There can be no more than 20 hours from any single source;
 - Teacher recommendations are based on a 0 – 4 point scale in 10 areas related to leadership and character;



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- It is highly recommended that applicants verify the validity of their service work and application with the advisor(s);
- The Faculty Council:
 - may interview all students who submit completed applications for the purpose of clarifying or expanding upon information in the application packet. No candidate shall be excluded for a lack of public speaking ability or poise;
 - will also survey pertinent records maintained by school officials about student behavior.
 - will make judgements free of hearsay and rumor;
 - will vote on granting membership to each student by majority vote;
 - makes the final selection.

***Please note: The minimum hours requirements for school/out of school will also be modified due to the pandemic.*

In order to maintain active chapter membership, all members must:

- 🏆 Maintain a 3.5 or higher GPA;
- 🏆 No conduct incidents;
- 🏆 No plagiarizing or cheating incidents;
- 🏆 Complete 10 hours of Study Buddies
- 🏆 Attend 60% of the chapter functions (meetings, fundraisers, other activities)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the National Honor Society advisors:

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Further information can be found on the Hackensack High School's chapter of the National Honor Society.