



CARROLLWOOD DAY SCHOOL ¶ College Preparatory Division

CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

SELECTION PROCESS

The National Honor Society (NHS) chapter of Carrollwood Day School (CDS Prep) is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of this prestigious national organization. Membership is open to those students in the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades who meet the required standards in four areas of evaluation: scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Standards for selection are established by the national office of NHS and have been revised to meet our local chapter needs. Students are selected to be members by a five-member Faculty Council, appointed by the principal, which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty of our school each April. Those students who meet the scholarship criterion are invited to complete a Student Activity Information Form that provides the Faculty Council with information regarding the candidate's history of leadership experiences and participation in school and/or community service. A majority vote of the Council is necessary for selection. Candidates are notified regarding selection or nonselection according to a predetermined schedule.

Following notification of selection, a formal induction ceremony will be 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. Additional obligations include:

- paying \$10 a year for annual dues paid by April 15th (funds will be used for induction ceremony, chapter service project(s), and other chapter needs throughout the year),
- regular attendance at chapter meetings held twice a month during the school year,
- required participation in the chapter service project(s), and
- completing 8 hours per year to be completed by March 31st of individual service hours. (Please note that the individual service hours are in addition to the required CAS hours for the school.)

Students or parents who have questions regarding the selection process or membership obligations can contact the chapter adviser, Mrs. Rodriguez, in Room 500 or by phone at 813-920-2288 ext. 416.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Scholarship

For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale.

Leadership

A student who exercises leadership as defined by the CDS Prep Faculty Council is one who

- demonstrates initiative in promoting school activities,
- exercises positive influence on peers in upholding school ideals and spirit,
- contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school,
- exemplifies positive attitudes,
- demonstrates academic initiative,
- demonstrates reliability and dependability,
- is dependable in any responsibility accepted, and
- is a leader in the classroom, at work, and/or in other school or community activities.

The minimum leadership requirement to be eligible for NHS membership is the membership by the student in an athletic, an academic, a social, or a cultural school-based organization.

Service

As defined by the CDS Prep Faculty Council, a student who serves is one who

- volunteers and provides dependable and well-organized assistance and is gladly available and willing to sacrifice to offer assistance,
- works well with others and is willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities,
- cheerfully and enthusiastically renders requested service to the school,
- is willing to represent the class or school in scholastic competition,
- does committee and staff work without complaint,
- participates in some activity outside of school (e.g., Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, religious groups, volunteer services for the elderly, poor, or disadvantaged),
- mentors persons in the school community or broader community, and
- shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers, and students.

The minimum service requirement is the completion of the minimum required number of documented Creativity, Action, and Service (CAS) hours by March 31st of the selection year. The minimum number of CAS hours required

- for 10th grade is 50 cumulative CAS hours from 9th and 10th grade years,
- for 11th grade is 75 CAS hours from 11th grade year, and
- for 12th grade is 150 cumulative CAS hours from 11th and 12th grade years.

Character

A student of character as defined by the CDS Prep Faculty Council is one who

- exemplifies the characteristics listed in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Learner Profile in a positive manner (*see below for the list of the characteristics),
- takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously,
- 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,
- is punctual, observes and is adherent to instructions and rules both inside and outside the classroom, and
- manifests truthfulness in acknowledging obedience to rules, adheres to the honor code, and shows an unwillingness to profit by the mistakes of others.

To evaluate a candidate's character, the Faculty Council uses two forms of input. First, school disciplinary records are reviewed. Second, members of the faculty are solicited for input regarding their professional reflections on a candidate's service activities, character, and leadership. These forms and the Student Activity Information Forms are carefully reviewed by the Faculty Council to determine membership. The minimum requirement for character is to earn a positive assessment in 7 of the 10 characteristics listed in the IB Learner Profile.

* IB learners strive to be *inquirers, knowledgeable, thinkers, communicators, principled, open-minded, caring, risk-takers, balanced, and reflective.*



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