



## National Honor Society Selection Procedure

The **National Honor Society** (NHS) chapter of Springs Valley High School is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of the National Honor Society.

Membership is open to those students who meet the required standards in four areas of evaluation: scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Students are selected for membership by majority vote of a 5-member Faculty Council, appointed annually by the principal, which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty of our school each year. The chapter adviser, Mrs. Casey, is also appointed by the principal and facilitates all selection procedures and chapter activities during the year.

Students in Grades 11 and 12 are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale. 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. A history of leadership experiences and participation in school or community service is also required. Prospective members are asked to write about their leadership and service experiences and about their understanding of the ideals of the NHS. Each prospective member may submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher and from a community member.

To evaluate a candidate's character, the Faculty Council obtains additional professional input. First, official school disciplinary records are reviewed. Second, the Faculty Council carefully reviews all application materials submitted by prospective members to determine whether each candidate meets the criteria for membership. A majority vote of the Council is necessary for selection. Following a review of the results of the Faculty Council voting by the principal, candidates are notified regarding selection or non-selection according to a predetermined schedule.

Once the notification process is completed, 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 criteria that led to their selection. This obligation includes regular attendance at chapter meetings held monthly during the school year and participation in the chapter service project(s). Students or parents who have questions regarding the selection process or membership obligations can contact the chapter adviser, Mrs. Casey, through ParentSquare.