

National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society Membership Eligibility

National Honor Society Membership

The National Honor Society is a nationwide organization that recognizes and encourages academic achievement as well as characteristics essential to citizens in a democracy. Membership, according to national policies, is based upon a student's outstanding performance in areas of: **Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character.**

Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors must have attended RCS for at least two (2) semesters and meet the following requirements below to be *considered* for membership:

- GRADES: 3.5 *Cumulative GPA*
- ATTENDANCE: No more than 10 absences per year – excused/unexcused (*5 per semester*)
- TARDIES: No more than 6 tardies per year (*3 per semester*)
- BEHAVIOR: No serious discipline infractions or multiple minor infractions
- SERVICE: *Double* required service hours for your grade level (*½ by end of 1st Semester*)

Students meeting the above criteria are invited to complete a candidate application which must be submitted to the Chapter Advisor. Any application that is not submitted by the deadline or filled out correctly will not be considered. At that point, each application, along with Individual Faculty Input Forms on each candidate will be carefully reviewed by a principal-appointed faculty council, to determine membership. A majority vote of the committee is necessary for selection. All candidates will be notified of the selection or non-selection by letter.

Inducted members will be re-evaluated each semester to ensure that they maintain the standards by which they were selected. Any areas needing improvement will result in probation for the following semester. If still not in compliance, they will be classified as a “Member not in good standing.” If this happens to a senior, he/she will not be allowed to wear the NHS Stole during graduation.

National Junior Honor Society Membership

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All second semester (7th) graders, all eighth (8th) graders, and all ninth (9th) graders who have been at RCS for at least 1 semester and meet the following requirements below may be *considered* for membership:

- GRADES: All A's and B's (*Last TWO Semesters*)
- ATTENDANCE: No more than 10 absences per year – excused/unexcused (*5 per semester*)
- TARDIES: No more than 6 tardies per year (*3 per semester*)
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