

# National Honor Society

Students in their junior and/or senior year meeting the following academic and community service criteria may be considered eligible for acceptance into the West Allegheny High School Chapter of the National Honor Society. An eligibility review for juniors and seniors will be conducted sometime after the first grading period of each school year. Those students meeting the criteria will be invited to apply for National Honor Society membership. Only students who both meet the initial eligibility criteria and successfully complete the application process will be inducted into the West Allegheny High School Chapter of the National Honor Society.

Once inducted, West Allegheny High School National Honor Society members are required to maintain the minimum required cumulative grade point average, maintain any required course levels, and complete an additional 30 hours of community service plus 5 hours specifically for National Honor Society events and fundraisers.

National Honor Society is based on four pillars: Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character. Both applying and inducted students must demonstrate each of these pillars to an exemplary degree.

NHS Pillars		Initial Eligibility Review	Students with a cumulative 3.75 – 3.99 Grade Point Average at Time of Eligibility Review	Students with a cumulative 4.0 or higher Grade Point Average at Time of Eligibility Review
Scholarship	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade		Minimum of <b>2</b> Honors or ECIHSA level courses	No specific course requirements
	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade		Minimum of <b>2</b> AP, ECIHSA, or Honors level courses	No specific course requirements
	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade		Minimum of <b>2</b> AP or ECIHSA level courses *	No specific course requirements
	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade		Minimum of <b>2</b> AP or ECIHSA level courses *	No specific course requirements
NHS Pillar	Application Review	All Students Applying		
Service & Leadership	Application	<p>Student must have engaged in a minimum of <b>10 hours</b> of community service during their high school years (freshman year to present)</p> <p>Student must have participated in a minimum of <b>2 Varied Activities</b> within two years of seeking membership (at least one activity must be school-related)</p> <p>Student must have taken on a minimum of <b>1 Leadership</b> role in a school or community related activity within two years of seeking membership</p>		
Scholarship	Academic Recommendation	Letter of recommendation form completed by a teacher		
Character	Personal Recommendations (2)	Letter of recommendation forms (2) completed by non-relative community member, coach, employer, religious leader, or any other person who knows the student outside of the school setting		
	Discipline Review	Student must not have had any violations of school policy resulting in in-school or out-of-school suspension		

\* Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Courses will be included through the Class of 2025.

AP – Advanced Placement

ECIHSA – Early College in High School Academy (CCAC, RMU, and PTC)