

# National Honor Society Eligibility and Requirements

National Honor Society is a service organization that promotes leadership and character among secondary school students. More information about National Honor Society is available on their Website <http://www.nhs.us>.

The University Prep Evergreen chapter of the NHS has established procedures for selecting new members based on the following criteria: scholarship, character, leadership and service to the community. Sophomores, juniors and seniors with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better (after first semester grades are calculated) are invited to apply. An applicant must demonstrate high standards of honesty, responsibility, and cooperation in all areas of school and community life.

Student applicants are required to fill out a Student Information form and request two Faculty Confidential references. Students provide information on all elected or appointed leadership positions held in high school, community, or work activities, and list any jobs, honors, or recognition received. To assess contributions to community service, the following parameters have been established:

- Applicants should include all service hours performed since leaving 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Service activities are those that are done for or on behalf of others (not including immediate family) for which no compensation has been received.
- Service activities performed during school hours do not count, e.g., ASB meeting times.
- All U Prep service hours for Open House and other activities outside of school hours may be reported.

All U Prep Upper School students are required to contribute 20 hours of service/year. NHS candidates are selected based on *outstanding* performance in this area. At the time of application, the approximate expectations are: sophomores, 60 hours; juniors, 90 hours; seniors, 120 hours.

Applications are reviewed by a council of five faculty members. Please contact Anne Bingham, National Honor Society advisor, with further questions.