



LAHSER HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

- A. All juniors or seniors (except for current members) are eligible for admission if they have an accumulative GPA of at least 3.50 at the conclusion of the first semester. The GPA will be computed using all grades.
- B. Students who meet the grade point requirement will be presented with an application form. Students must:
 - be willing to commit one hour per week for school/community service
 - list examples of leadership, service, and participation in extra-curricular activities
 - write a brief essay describing their potential contribution to NHS
 - return the application to the NHS advisor by the due date
- C. The returned application is then judged by the Faculty Council on a scale of 1 to 5 points according to the following criteria:
 - amount of time commitment
 - diversity of activities
 - positions of leadership
 - amount of community service (in addition to the required district – 40 hours) other than activities and sports
- D. The Faculty Council evaluates applicant essays on a scale of 1 to 5 points based on the student's use of past experiences to set a goal for one's self as a potential member of National Honor Society.
- E. All students are then evaluated by Lahser faculty in the areas of leadership and character on a scale of 1 to 10 (with a total of 5 points possible in each area). The following procedures are followed:
 - Faculty members only rate students for whom they feel qualified to evaluate.
 - A student's evaluations are averaged together.
 - Evaluation scores are averaged by 5. This penalizes students who are evaluated by fewer than 5 teachers.
- F. The point values for the application and essay (1 – 10) and faculty evaluation (1 – 10) are added together for a total of 20 possible points. Students with a score of 16 or better are generally admitted.
- G. The results of this procedure are then reviewed by the Faculty Council to allow for unique circumstances when necessary.
- H. Students are notified of admission by a letter sent to their home.
- I. New members are formally admitted during an induction ceremony held in the evening with parents and other guests.
- J. Student appeals are handled jointly by the principal and NHS advisor. The admission procedures are reviewed and the reason for denial given. Appeals are generally denied unless there has been a clerical error.