



Old Mill High School National Honor Society



What are the minimum grade requirements for acceptance?

You must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 UNWEIGHTED. This means not just per quarter do you need those minimum requirements, but cumulatively throughout high school. Sophomores will not be considered for acceptance without these grades at the end of the first semester of their sophomore year. Juniors who have a 3.45 UNWEIGHTED GPA can be considered for acceptance on a probationary status until the end of their second semester of the junior year. At that point if the GPA is still lacking in one or both categories, their membership will be negated.

Unweighted = all grades have equal weight, therefore honors and AP courses all count the same. We are also looking for schedules to include rigorous and challenging coursework.

What about service? How much do I need? When do you start counting service?

We only consider service completed in high school. In school service might be through organizations such as Key Club or Recycling Club. (Just to name a few examples). Out of school service should be completed at a registered nonprofit agency. Your application asks you to have the adult in charge verify your participation.

Leadership is also an important component of NHS. What do you consider leadership?

Again, we only count your leadership from high school. National Junior Honor Society is great, but being a member does not have any bearing on your ability to gain acceptance to the Old Mill High School chapter of NHS. Although on a strict interpretation, leadership usually requires the applicant to have a track record of leadership---team captain, class officer, etc. We understand this is not an easy task at a large school such as ours. Therefore we consider leadership involvement in a variety of areas. Being on a sports team, band member, class office, theatre, clubs etc, shows leadership qualities. Obviously, we want you to be as diverse as possible, so you should have experience in a few different areas.

What should I do if I have more questions?

You can email any of our officers, or stop in to see our adviser Mrs. Kenny in A260 during her PRIDE pd. or before or after school. Officers are listed on the NHS bulletin board outside of Mrs. Kenny's room, A260. What we do discourage are questions from parents. Why? Well, this is the National Honor Society on a high school level. You should be proactive and self-responsible enough to contact the right people and ask questions on your behalf. We love parents, but you are the one applying for membership!