

WHAT ARE THE FOUR BENCHMARKS OF A NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY MEMBER?

LEADERSHIP

- Is resourceful in proposing new suggestions, a new principle, a new program, new ideas to address a problem
- Demonstrates taking the lead in promoting and participating in school activities
- Exercises positive influence on peers in upholding school ideals
- Contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school
- Is able to delegate responsibilities
- Exemplifies positive attitudes
- Inspires positive behavior in others
- Demonstrates academic initiative
- Successfully holds school offices or positions of responsibility, conducts business efficiently and effectively, demonstrates reliability and dependability
- Demonstrates leadership in the classroom, at work, in the community and in school and extracurricular activities
- Is thoroughly dependable in any responsibilities accepted
- Is willing to uphold scholarship and maintain a loyal school attitude

SERVICE

- Volunteers and provides dependable and well organized assistance; is gladly available and is willing to sacrifice to offer assistance
- Works well with others and is willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities.
- Cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any volunteered or requested service to the school.
- Does committee and staff work without complaint
- Participates in outside volunteer activities (i.e. scouts, church, civic, environmental, disadvantaged)
- Mentors persons in the community or students at other venues
- Shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers and students

CHARACTER

The National Honor Society supports and recommends the use of a multi-faceted definition of character known as the Six Pillars of Character. A person of character demonstrates the following six qualities: **RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, TRUSTWORTHINESS, FAIRNESS, CARING, AND CITIZENSHIP**

- Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously
- Cooperates by complying with school regulations concerning property, dress, programs, office, halls etc.
- Observes instructions and rules, is punctual and authentic both inside and outside the classroom.
- Consistently exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior (cheerfulness, friendliness, poise, stability and unpretentiousness)
- Upholds principles of morality and ethics in school and community
- Demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability
- Has powers of concentration, self-discipline and sustained attention as shown by perseverance and application to studies
- Regularly shows courtesy, concern and respect for others
- Manifests truthfulness in acknowledging obedience to rules, is neither guilty of nor condones cheating or plagiarizing in any written work and shows unwillingness to profit from the mistakes of others
- Actively helps rid the school of bad influences or environment

SCHOLARSHIP

Maintains a 3.5 GPA through four marking periods

Scholarship is characterized by a commitment to learning. A student is willing to spend the necessary time to cultivate his/ her mind in the quest for knowledge. This pillar can only be achieved through diligence and effort. Scholarship means always doing the best work possible, regardless of impending reward.