ABSENCES IN A SCHOOL YEAR

The District will allow 15 extracurricular absences not related to post-district competition for the following approved activities:

- UIL;
- 4H;
- FFA;
- Cheerleading clinics and performances;
- JROTC performances;
- Auto mechanics competition;
- Science fairs;
- C.T.E. activities; and
- Technology-related activities.

Five absences will be allowed for post District competition prior to state and two absences for state competition.

Additional absences for UIL activities, to a maximum of ten, will be permitted when a student has no more than five absences in the course or subject to be missed.

ADJUNCT STAFF MEMBER

For attendance to qualify for funding purposes, the Board has approved the county extension agent who may accompany and supervise the students as an official of the District.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The purpose of the National Honor Society (NHS) is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in individuals.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is a privilege that the student earns, not a right. A student must, at all times, maintain the standards under which he or she was selected.

The National Constitution of the National Honor Society will be followed in maintaining local chapters in the District.

FACULTY COUNCIL

The principal at each campus will appoint five voting faculty members to a one-year term. Members may be appointed to consecutive terms. The chapter adviser will be the ex officio nonvoting sixth member appointed annually by the principal and may serve consecutive terms.

ELIGIBILITY

School counselors will determine scholastic eligibility. A student being considered must have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 90.0 and must have been in attendance at the campus for a minimum of one semester.

PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION	All guidelines and procedures will be announced at the beginning of the year and will be published in the student handbooks. After the GPA has been calculated, the candidate will be notified of eligibility through a private letter to the student with a copy of the letter also being sent to the parent or guardian of record. The student will be responsible for obtaining his or her packet and returning all information requested to the chapter adviser by a published date.
SELECTION CRITERIA GPA	A cumulative GPA of at least 90.0 for grades 7–8 or 9–12, inclusive is required. For REJHS students in grades 8–9, a student who meets the criteria will be inducted into the NJHS.
SELECTION PROCEDURES DISCIPLINE AND ATTENDANCE (CHARACTER)	The District considers disciplinary infractions and lack of attendance to be serious issues. Disciplinary referrals and attendance records will be reviewed by the faculty council. The faculty council takes very seriously any and all infractions of District policies, campus policies, and the law when considering a student for membership. A documented current school year disciplinary action, such as a referral to SAC, a suspension, or an expulsion, as well as more than three unexcused absences as documented on attendance records will be cause for further review of the candidate without regard to the score on the candidate's activity sheet and may be sufficient to disqualify a candidate.
LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION	One letter from a current teacher and one letter from an adult, who may be a school staff member or community member, other than any family member, must be included with the completed student information packet.
ACTIVITY SHEET	An activity sheet will be provided to eligible candidates by the chapter adviser and will describe various activities performed by the candidate to be considered cumulative covering grades 9–12, or 7–8 for middle school, inclusive.
SCORING	The point system will be used by the faculty council to make its evaluations. A student with a score of 2.5 or higher will be recommended for consideration. A student who has met the scholastic criteria but did not meet the cut-off score will still be reviewed by the faculty council. In accordance with national guidelines, acceptance is determined solely by the faculty council. The following point system will be used:

Activity	Maximum Number of Activities	Weight
Student Activities	3	0.75
Leadership	3	0.9
Services	3	0.75
Other Community Activities	3	0.75

SELECTION

A determination will be made about each candidate. There is no quota.

A list of candidates will be prepared by the sponsor and submitted to the principal and will include explanations for those not selected. All candidates will be notified in writing about the outcome of their candidacy for membership.

CHALLENGES

Questions about the outcome can only be forwarded to the principal. Parents and students must understand that no student has a right to be selected for membership in a chapter of the National Honor Society. Reconsideration of a faculty council's decision must be a rare occurrence if the council is to be expected to take its assignment seriously. It is important to uphold the integrity of NHS standards and to recognize the potential danger of yielding to pressure tactics.

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR SCORING

A campus chapter may add additional criteria such as attendance at induction ceremonies, meetings, and service projects that reflect the needs of the community so long as the additional criteria follow the guidelines of the National Constitution and have the approval by a majority vote of both the general membership and the faculty council. The additional criteria must be included as amendments to the campus constitution.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

The faculty council will reserve the right to award honorary membership to school officials, principals, teachers, NHS advisers, adults, students with disabilities, or foreign exchange students in recognition of achievement or outstanding service rendered to the school in keeping with the purposes of the National Honor Society. Honorary members will have no voice or vote in chapter affairs.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT TRANSFERS

Attendance for the children of military families will be reviewed on an individual basis.

A student must be in attendance for the equivalent of one semester prior to being considered for membership.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY	Each active graduate or honorary member in good standing with the chapter will be entitled to wear the NHS emblem (sash or cord) at commencement ceremonies.