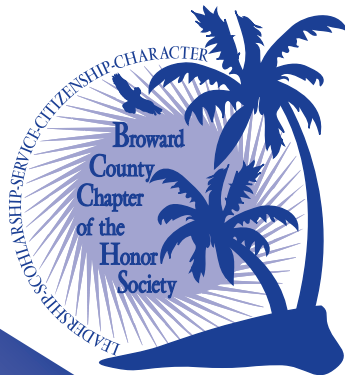


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The Honor Society is the front runner of organizations and societies that promote appropriate recognition for students who reflect outstanding accomplishments in the areas of scholarship, character, leadership and service. There are thousands of Honor Society Chapters in high schools across the nation and in each one of Broward County's public high schools.

College admissions officers often look for Honor Society membership as a valid indicator that the applicant will succeed at the collegiate level of education. Honor Society members have already demonstrated academic ability, leadership qualities, honorable and admirable character and a willingness to use their talents and skills to improve their society through service.

Serving one another and the community is expressed in the motto of the National Honor Society, "Noblesse Oblige." Members of the Honor Society are obligated to fulfill the motto with behavior that is honorable, responsible and generous to others. The Honor Society Chapter provides individual members the opportunity to share their talents with the other students, their school and their community.

Adapted from the Introduction to the [National Honor Society Handbook](#).

Organizations

The policies and guidelines of the School Board of Broward County, Florida, the constitution of the Broward Chapter of the Honor Society and the constitution of the individual school chapters determine the Structure of the individual Honor Society Chapters in Broward's public schools. While the Broward Chapter of the Honor Society has never been affiliated with the National Honor Society, it agrees with and adheres to the philosophies and membership procedures of that organization.

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Membership Requirements and Information

Period of Eligibility

Students may become eligible for membership in the Honor Society at the beginning of the second semester of their Sophomore year.

Transfer Students

In compliance with national requirements, Honor Society members who transfer into any high school will become members of the receiving school's Honor Society Chapter as soon as proof of active Honor Society membership is received. A non-member who transfers into a Broward Public High School must be a student at that high school for one semester before they are eligible for membership.

Membership Requirements

The qualifications for membership in the Honor Society Chapters of all Broward Public High Schools will be in compliance with the general requirements as set forth in the Handbook of the National Honor Society itself. That is, achievement in the following four areas will be necessary for membership: Scholarship, Service, Leadership and Character.

Character

Students are assumed to be of good character unless there is documentation of disciplinary action taken by the school, community or state for serious or persistent misconduct on the part of the student.

Service

It will be necessary for a student to accumulate 30 hours of documented service from the time of the student's

entry into high school to be eligible for Honor Society membership. Only service hours that apply to The Student Volunteer Service Program and documented on the forms provided for use in that program will be accepted as verification of service rendered.

Leadership

Achievement in the area of Leadership will be determined by:

1. Documented evidence of election, appointment or experience in two leadership positions in school sponsored organizations or functions. The documentation must be provided by an adult involved with the organization or the function or a school administrator.
2. Letter of Recommendation from a teacher administrator or other school staff member documenting two specific instances in which the student demonstrated leadership.
3. A combination of one example of leadership from both 1 and 2 above.
4. A combination of one example of leadership from either 1 or 2 combined with a letter of recommendation from a community leader, a religious leader or an employer documenting a specific instance in which the student demonstrated leadership.

Receipt of the documentation or letters of recommendation will be considered as proof of leadership. Recommendations will not be accepted from members of the student's family.

Scholarship

The Academic Achievement necessary for membership in the Honor Society will be an 3.0 unweighted cumulative Grade Point Average.

Notification

Upon entrance into high school all students will be notified of the requirements for Honor Society membership. All students attaining the 3.0 GPA within the period of eligibility will be given a membership survey and will be allowed 10 school days to return it.

The Faculty Committee

It will be the job of the faculty committee at each school of verify that the requirements have been met by each applicant. All applicants who meet these requirements will be admitted to the Honor Society.

Principal's Involvement

No student may be denied membership in or removed from the Honor Society unless the principal formally agrees of that action.

Maintaining Membership

The following standards must be maintained for a student to remain in the Honor Society.

1. Scholarship - 3.0 unweighted cumulative GPA must be maintained.
2. Character – a continued record clear of school disciplinary action.
3. A minimum of sixty (60) hours of service per year (20 of which must be rendered to the school's Honor Society Chapter.) These hours must be documented through the student volunteer program or by the Honor Society sponsor. The service hours needed to maintain Honor Society membership may not be the same as service hours

needed to maintain Honor Society membership may not be the same as service hours needed to earn in recognition in the Student Volunteer Program, particularly if those house are earned working on Honor Society projects.

4. If a student becomes a member of the school's Honor Society chapter at the end of the first semester of their Senior year, that student must complete at least 30 hours of service (10 of which must be rendered to the Honor Society chapter) in a period of time ending 10 days prior to the start of senior exams or be removed from membership.

Probation and Removal

Schools may use probation as a method of warning members that their grades or service hours are not meeting Honor Society standards. The period of probation can vary from a marking period to a semester.

With regard to character, the seriousness of the disciplinary event (referrals indications of unsatisfactory conduct on the grade card, suspension or conviction of a crime) should be considered, but documented indications of failings in this area will usually result in removal from the Chapter.

In all cases of dismissal, the school should follow the steps outlined in the National Honor Society handbook.

As per the NHS National Constitution, once a student is removed from the National Honor Society they can never rejoin.

Miscellaneous Items

In all matters not mentioned above Broward County Public School will adhere to the policies of the National Honor Society.