

## **National Honor Society Selection Criteria**

### **2012-2013**

Admittance for membership to the St. Francis High School Chapter of the National Honor Society begins with an invitation. Those students invited to begin the application process will have a cumulative GPA of 3.80 or higher, be in good standing with regards to absences, tardies and demerits, and acknowledged by the faculty for character, leadership and service. Students invited to apply for membership will receive detailed information about the application process at the mandatory student/parent meeting. All applications will then be submitted to the Faculty Council for further evaluation. Based on the decision of the Faculty Council, each applicant will be notified by mail if he/she will be inducted into the National Honor Society.

### **PHASE I**

#### **Dean of Students**

St. Francis Dean of Students will review each student's record in regards to absences, tardies, demerits, and academic dishonesty. Any acts of academic dishonesty cannot gain entrance into the NHS chapter for at least one full year after the incident has occurred.

#### **Teacher Evaluations**

St. Francis faculty members will be asked to rate all students who have passed the Dean of Students evaluation section. Teachers will fill out forms that explain service, leadership, and character in the classroom. Teachers will then rate students (or not applicable, if the teacher does not know the student) in each area. The students' total points will be divided by the number of evaluations received to arrive at an average.

### **PHASE II (Invitation Only)**

#### **Candidate From/Application Process**

Students will complete an application that demonstrates in **detail** the leadership and service activities they have participated in throughout their high school career.

**Leadership** – The student who exercises leadership:

- Is resourceful in solving new problems, applying principles, and making suggestions
- Demonstrates initiative in promoting school activities
- Exercises influence on peers in upholding school ideals
- Is able to delegate responsibilities
- Exemplifies positive attitudes and inspires positive behavior in others
- Demonstrates academic initiative
- Successfully holds school offices or positions of responsibility, conducting business effectively and efficiently, and without prodding, demonstrates reliability and dependability
- Is a forerunner in the classroom, at work, and in the school or community activities
- Is thoroughly dependable in any responsibility accepted

Students who demonstrate defined leadership roles and/or responsibilities in a school related activity such as a sport or club, or in a community organization or project will be credited points for participation. Points will be determined depending on time commitment and leadership role of each activity.

**Service** – The student who serves:

- Is willing to uphold scholarship and maintain a loyal school attitude
- Participates in some extracurricular and/or co-curricular activities
- Volunteers dependable and well-organized assistance, is gladly available, and is willing to sacrifice self-interests to offer assistance
- Works well with others and is willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities
- Cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to your class
- Does committee and staff work without complaint
- Shows courtesy by assisting teachers and students

Students who demonstrate examples of ***substantial voluntary*** contributions made to the school or community without compensation will be credited points for participation. Points will be determined depending on time commitment and service role of each activity.

### **Essays**

Students must complete the essay question. A student may receive points for his/her essay.

Any student who receives at least an 85% approval rating once all calculations are completed will be *eligible* for NHS. The Faculty Council will vote, and students receiving a majority vote will be invited to join NHS.

### **Ineligible Applicants:**

Students *may* be denied acceptance into NHS for the following reasons:

- Handing in application after the designated deadline
- Omitting sections of the application or not explaining fully.
- Having no phone numbers and/or verifying signatures.
- Violating a school policy as determined by the SFHS administration.

### **NOTE:**

\*You must be clear and thorough in your explanations of service and leadership in order to earn points for your work. Explain what your role entailed, including information on the time commitment.

\*\*If uncertain if the activity fulfills the requirements please list and describe for consideration.