**Johns Creek High NHS**

**2018-2019 Selection Procedure Description**

The National Honor Society chapter of **Johns Creek High School** is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of this prestigious national organization. Membership is open to those students who meet the required standards in four areas of evaluation: scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Students are selected for membership by majority vote of a faculty council made up of Johns Creek teachers, which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty of our school each September.

Students in grades 11and 12 are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, currently a student must have a numerical cumulative GPA of 92 or better. Each summer, those students who meet this criterion are invited to complete a Candidate Form that provides the faculty council with information regarding the candidate’s leadership and service.

The following are specific minimum requirements for leadership and service and must be clearly indicated in the applicants completed Candidate Form:

**JCNHS Objective Standard for Leadership:** To be a selected member of our chapter, a candidate must list a minimum of four (4) leadership roles at school or in the community achieved since the ninth grade.

**JCNHS Objective Standards for Service:** To be a selected member of our chapter, a candidate must demonstrate on his/her Community Service Form(s) the completion of a minimum of twenty (20) hours of service undertaken in the community since the start of ninth grade.

To evaluate a candidate’s character, the faculty council uses two forms of input. First, school disciplinary records are reviewed. Second, members of the faculty are solicited for input, regarding their professional reflections on a candidate’s service activities, character, and leadership. The following is the standard by which character is evaluated:

**JCNHS Objective Standard for Character:** One of the criteria for acceptance into NHS is exemplary character, which is measured in terms of integrity, behavior, ethics, and cooperation with both students and faculty. To be a selected member of our chapter, a candidate must demonstrate exemplary character across ALL criteria; therefore, only candidates of the highest distinguished character will be considered.

All solicited faculty input and all Candidate Forms are carefully reviewed by the faculty council to determine membership. A majority vote of the council is necessary for selection. Candidates will be notified via email regarding selection or non-selection by the end of September. The letter will only state whether or not the candidate was selected. If, at that time, non-selected candidates would like to request an appeal they may reach out to advisors to initiate the process; however, discussions on specific student applications will not be provided as selections are made by the faculty council. Please allow advisers a minimum of 48 hours to respond to email requests regarding appealing. All requests for information regarding appealing must be initiated by the applicant and information will only be provided to him/ her regarding the appeals process.

Following notification of membership, a formal induction ceremony is held at the school to recognize all newly selected members. Once inducted, new members are required to maintain the same level of performance (or better) in all four criteria that led to their selection.

**Johns Creek High NHS**

**Membership Obligations**

Membership in this chapter is an honor bestowed upon deserving students by the faculty and shall be based on the criteria of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Membership to the National Honor Society is a lifelong commitment, and members are expected to uphold these standards accordingly. If a member falls below these standards or fails to meet them he/she may face penalties and/or eventual dismissal from the chapter.

**Obligations of Members:**

1. Annual dues for this chapter will be $20. Dues will be payable to the chapter and paid within 30 days of the first day of the school year for current members and within 30 days of the induction ceremony for new members.
2. Chapter members who are seniors in good standing shall be granted the privilege of wearing the National Honor Society medal at graduation.
3. Participation in one service project sponsored by the JCNHS chapter is a requirement of all members and must be documented by the officers.
4. Members will complete a minimum of 10 in-school tutoring hours throughout the school year.
5. Members will complete a minimum of 5 in-school service hours throughout the school year.

1. Members will complete a minimum of 10 out-of-school service hours throughout the school year.
	1. Opportunities to complete these hours may be provided by the chapter via service projects and other events; however, ultimately, it is the responsibility of the member to locate and secure opportunities within and outside the school to achieve the service hours’ requirements of this chapter. Advisers and officers are available to offer suggestions.
2. Members will be required to provide a minimum number of completed service hours by the end of the first semester to ensure they are adhering to the requirement. The number of hours required for the first semester and a due date for submission will be communicated via email from the officers at the beginning of the year. Failure to turn these hours in or to meet the requirement will result in probation and a penalty to be determined by the advisers.
3. Members will have and maintain a minimum cumulative numeric average of 92 without round up.
4. Members will attend all NHS meetings and mandatory events and follow-up with all email communication, and
5. Members will follow School Codes relative to: Academic Honesty (including on-line classes); School Responsibilities (citizenship, integrity, excellence), and School, Club, Organization Behavior Codes.

Failure to meet any of these requirements will result in disciplinary action in the form of probation, penalty hours, and/or dismissal from NHS. Students will be informed via email if he/she fails to meet these requirements and what decision the faculty council made regarding additional requirements and/or dismissal. If additional obligations are required a specified timeline to meet these will also be provided.