

THE WILBUR CROSS CHAPTER
OF THE
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

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Criteria and Requirements

Following the guidelines of the National Honor Society, Reston, Virginia, membership in the National Honor Society is an honor bestowed upon a student. Students may not apply for membership in the National Honor Society.

To be eligible for membership in the *Wilbur Cross Chapter of the National Honor Society* a student must be in the **eleventh grade**.

Membership in the National Honor Society is based upon excellence in four areas: **scholarship, leadership, service, and character**. *Each category is judged independently.*

Scholarship: To be eligible for membership consideration, a student must meet the following **scholastic criteria: a cumulative scholastic average of at least 87%, B+, a cumulative Quality Point Average (QPA) of at least 15, and a Grade Point Average of a 3.3 on a 4.3 scale for the 9th and 10th grades, (preceding two years of which a student is being considered for membership) and for the first three marking periods of the Junior year (11th grade),** in which the student is being considered.

Teachers will then evaluate the students on the basis of leadership, service and character in the classroom and school environment. Participation and leadership in school and other activities is required.

Leadership: Leadership is based on the student's participation in one or more community or school activities, or election to an office.

Service: We require a minimum of **40 hrs of service**, spread over the three years, 9th, 10th, 11th, by the time of the Induction. Students are then required to do an additional 10 - 20 hours once they have been inducted. A total of 60 hours upon graduation. To meet the service requirement, a student must have been active in one or more service projects in the school and or community. Service is generally considered to be those actions undertaken by the student, which are done with or on behalf of others, without any direct financial or material compensation to the individual performing the service. Students must show evidence that they have 40 hours of service.

Character: Character is measured in terms of integrity, behavior, ethics, and cooperation with both students and faculty. A person of character demonstrates the following six qualities: respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, fairness, caring, and citizenship.

The **adviser** then works with the **National Honor Society Faculty Council**, comprised of an independent group of teachers that makes the final decision based on the information provided to us by all, students, faculty, and community.

Although students are to be commended for maintaining a high scholastic average, they need to understand that membership is not guaranteed to anyone. **The final decision for membership is made by the National Honor Society Faculty Council.**

A student, however, becomes an **official member** of the National Honor Society after he/she has been formally inducted. Per National guidelines established by the **NASSP, NO STUDENT will be awarded membership unless they attend the Induction ceremony.**

A STUDENT MUST BE PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY IN ORDER TO BE INDUCTED.

Once selected, members are required to maintain the standards which were the basis for their selection. Members who do not maintain these standards will be subject to review for dismissal. The Principal of the school makes the final decision in all cases of dismissal.

Transfer Students: Students who transfer to Wilbur Cross High School should bring to the principal and adviser, a notarized letter from their school principal certifying their membership in the National Honor Society. These members should fully understand that they are responsible to meet the new school's standards.

The Wilbur Cross Chapter of the National Honor Society operates under two constitutions: its own and the Constitution of the National Honor Society. The Wilbur Cross Chapter is also in compliance with the New Haven Public Schools Rules and Regulations.

If you have any further questions regarding the **Wilbur Cross Chapter** of the National Honor Society, please contact **Ms. Angeliki Giannopoulos** at **203 - 497-7400** or at **[A. GIANNOPOULOS@new-haven.k12.ct.us](mailto:A.GIANNOPOULOS@new-haven.k12.ct.us)**

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