National Honor Society - Leadership

Leadership: The leadership criterion is considered highly important for membership selection. Leadership roles in both the school and community may be considered, provided they can be verified. Students must have others that are being lead in the organization where they hold the leadership position. A minimum of one leadership position is required. (from the National Honor Society Handbook, 17th Edition)

The Faculty Committee evaluates the leadership position put forth by each applicant to see if the position fulfills the requirements. Activity advisors must fully describe student’s leadership for the Faculty Committee to fairly evaluate the candidate.

Some key points that are considered when evaluating a candidate’s leadership position:

- A group of individuals must managed, motivated, coordinated. Candidate must be responsible for this.
- Must be an ongoing position (full year, athletic season). May not be a one-time activity.
- Elected or appointed position
- May be part school, community, or religious organization
- May not be a paid position or part of a class assignment for which a grade is issued

Examples of leadership position that have been accepted in the past:

- Officer of an activity or organization
- Team captain, co-captain or coach
- Editor of a publication
- Section leader in band/choir/dance team
- Camp counselor (if responsible for a group of campers or instructing all campers in a program area)
- Instructor (non-paid) of a course/program
- Boy/Girl Scout troop leader

Members inducted into National Honor Society must maintain a leadership position to remain a member in good standing.