

ARTICLE 8: Selection of Members

Selection 1. Candidacy

- a. **Grade level.** To be eligible for membership, the candidate must be a member of those grade levels (grades 4, 5, and 6) designated as eligible in the chapter bylaws. (Note: Local chapters can reduce the number of eligible grade levels to be grades 5 and 6 or grade 6 only when creating their local selection guidelines. Refer to Chapter 3 for details.)
- b. **Enrollment:** Candidates must have been enrolled at the school the equivalent of one semester. (Note: Some candidates may be considered ineligible for candidacy because of this semester's eligibility policy. Many students, including students of military parents, are required to move with parents or guardians who have transferred in their work. In such cases, the present school principal should seek a recommendation of the previous school principal or other school representative regarding the candidate's eligibility. On the basis of the recommendation of the previous principal, the faculty council may waive the semester regulation.)
- c. **Scholarships.** Candidates must meet or exceed the national minimum standard for scholarship (i.e., academic performance), which is a cumulative scholastic average of at least 85 percent, B, or 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) or the equivalent standard of excellence. (Note: In order to reflect higher expectations and standards of excellence for students, local chapters may raise the cumulative GPA standard above the national minimum, apply it fairly and consistently, and include this standard in their locally published selection procedures.)
- d. **Candidates** who meet the three conditions above (a., b., and c.) shall be evaluated by the faculty council on demonstrated aspects of their personal responsibility as outlined by the chapter. To assist in this step, additional input shall be requested from candidates in the form of an information sheet (also known as a Candidate's Form), or obtained as professional input from the faculty, or as recommendations from members of the community.

Section 2. Following review of all relevant information by the faculty council, the selection of each member to the chapter shall be by a majority vote of the faculty council. (Note: Refer to Chapter 3 for clarification on these voting procedures.)

Section 3. Candidates selected for membership shall be notified of their selection and inducted at a special ceremony. Candidates who are not selected shall also be notified and, upon request, provided counsel regarding their non-selection. (Note: Students who are candidates but not selected can be considered again at the next (and all future) round(s) of selections presuming that all of the required conditions are still being met.)

Section 4. A description of the selection procedures shall be published in an official school publication that is widely available in a timely fashion to all students and parents of the school. The selection procedure shall be determined by the faculty council, approved by the principal, and shall be consistent with all the rules and regulations of NEHS.

Section 5. Neither NASSP nor NAESP shall review the judgement of the faculty council regarding selection of individual members to local chapters.