

National Honor Society Eligibility Changes For the Class of 2012 and Beyond

Three years ago, Council Rock made a dramatic change to its class weight, rank and GPA policies in the high schools. In passing a new system, the district went from an un-weighted GPA/weighted rank to the current system of a weighted GPA with no individual class rank. Classes themselves no longer have a weight, only the grades earned in each class do. Since acceptance into the National Honor Society (NHS) had been based on quality points, calculated using class weights and grades, new eligibility requirements for NHS had to be developed to work within the revised GPA system.

A committee of teachers, administrators, guidance counselors, and National Honor Society advisors met a number of times in the last few months to review criteria requirements for NHS. After careful analysis of former (and current) NHS members' GPA compared to projected GPA's under the new system, some natural "breakpoints" in the data appeared to be evident. The committee recommended the following changes in scholastic criteria eligibility for NHS:

- By the end of tenth grade, the student must obtain a weighted GPA of 3.65 or higher
- During grades 9, 10 or 11, the student must have enrolled in at least one Honors or AP level course

The other components necessary for admittance to NHS, including community service, leadership and character, remain unchanged from the previous requirements. A minimum of 35 LINC's hours must be completed prior to application to NHS and demonstrated leadership in a school or extra-curricular activity must be part of each applicant's experience. An essay is also a part of the application. NHS induction ceremonies will take place on April 6 and April 28 at North and South respectively.