

Deerfield High School Honor Society

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the DHS Honor Society?

The Deerfield High School Honor Society was established in 2007 to recognize students' achievements in scholarship, leadership, character and service. Students who have achieved an unweighted GPA of 3.33 through their 5th semester, been cleared by the DHS Deans, and screened by DHS faculty will be invited to apply. Every applicant is required (1) to submit an Application for Admission form, which includes a list of extracurricular (and community service) participation and (2) to ask for and receive a Confirmation of Character from SIX members of the DHS Faculty. The Application for Admission form can be found on the Honor Society page (under the "Activities" tab) on the DHS website. The Confirmation of Character process is done online; students send a link to teachers, asking for the recommendation.

Why Deerfield High School Honor Society instead of National Honor Society?

Deerfield High School Honor Society was established to provide opportunities for more students to be recognized for their contributions to the school and community. Questions have been raised as to how colleges view a high school honor society instead of a National Honor Society on college applications, but our findings show that colleges and universities recognize all honor societies equally. The GPA criterion is the same as the NHS's.

How do I support my child in completing the application?

It is the student's responsibility to complete the application, which is found on the DHS website and can be found on the Home Page under Activities. All questions must come from the student. Following 1st semester, all students meeting the criteria will receive an email informing them of the opportunity to apply. If accepted, students will then receive an acceptance letter (also via email) including a permission slip that requires both parent and student signatures. Interested applicants should direct their questions to me at (224) 632-3130, mwolf@dist113.org, or find me in my E107 office.

What happens after the application is submitted?

Each application is carefully reviewed. If there are inconsistencies or questions, I will notify the student by e-mail and corrections/additions can be made.

What happens at the induction ceremony? How long does it take?

At the induction ceremony, each student is recognized and called up to the stage to receive his or her certificate. The ceremony takes about an hour; a reception follows the ceremony.

What are the responsibilities once the student is in the honor society?

The student is expected to maintain the unweighted 3.33 GPA requirement, continue to model excellent character, and maintain involvement in student and/or community activities.

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