



The National Elementary Honor Society™ chapter of Mechanicstown Elementary School is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of this prestigious national organization. Membership is open to those students who meet the required standards in two areas of initial evaluation: scholarship (academic achievement) and responsibility. General standards for selection are established by the national office of NEHS and have been revised to meet the needs of our school and fall within our strategic goals.

Students are selected to be members of NEHS by a Faculty Council, appointed by the principal and supervised by an additional member of the faculty serving as the chapter adviser. This group awards the honor of membership upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty of the school during each school year. Our NEHS chapter will conduct its selection procedures during March and April.

Students eligible for selection to this chapter must be enrolled in grade 4 and must have been enrolled for a period equivalent to two consecutive marking periods at Mechanicstown Elementary School. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a minimum report card grade of 3+ in Literacy, Math, Science, and Social Studies, and no other report card grade below 3; the number of report card grades that are "3" may not exceed the number of report card grades that are 3+ or higher. This ensures a practical cumulative average of 3+. The grade of 3+ represents a minimum cumulative GPA standard of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale; 85 on a 100 point scale; or B when using letter grades only, which are the three models required by the National Chapter.

Those students who meet this criterion are invited to complete a Candidate's Form that provides the Faculty Council with evidence of the candidate's Responsibility at home, school, and in the community.

In addition, to evaluate a candidate's levels of Responsibility, the Faculty Council uses two forms of input: first, school administrative records are reviewed; second, members of the faculty are asked for input regarding their professional reflections on a candidate's personal responsibility qualities. These forms and the Candidate's Forms are carefully reviewed by the Faculty Council to determine membership. A majority vote of the council is necessary for selection. Candidates are notified regarding selection or non-selection according to a predetermined schedule established by the chapter.

Following notification, a formal induction ceremony is held at the school to recognize all the newly selected members. Once inducted, new members are required to maintain the same level of performance (or better) in all of the criteria that led to their selection. This obligation includes regular attendance at chapter meetings held monthly during the school year, and participation in other chapter service projects and activities.

Students or parents who have questions regarding the selection process or membership obligations can contact the chapter adviser, Mr. Bruno in room 122 or by phone at (845) 326-1711.