

5440 HONORING PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT

The Board of Education values excellence and wishes to instill in pupils the desire to do their best in all things.

The Board will recognize the outstanding achievements of pupils by means appropriate to the grade level of the pupil and to the nature of the accomplishment.

The Board will maintain membership in the National Honor Society and will follow the guidelines of that organization in selecting members from the pupils in this district.

The Superintendent shall develop regulations for the recognition of pupil achievement that establish fair standards for recognition and provide for appropriate recognition ceremonies and awards.

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Intermediate School

Honor Roll

Each marking period and at the close of the school year, official Honor Roll lists are published in recognition of high and outstanding scholastic achievement for the 7th and 8th graders. Students in sixth (6) grade may have their names published in recognition of outstanding academic achievement at the discretion of the intermediate school principal.

Distinguished Honors

To be included on the Distinguished Honor Roll, a student must earn a grade of “A” in all subjects.

Regular Honors

To be included on the Regular Honor Roll, a student must obtain any combination of “A” and/or “B” in all subjects.

High School

Honor Roll Requirements

Distinguished Honor Roll

To be included in the Distinguished Honor Roll, a student’s GPA (Grade Point Average) must be between 3.75 and 4.0 with no grade lower than a B for the marking period. This does not include mid-term and final exams.

Honor Roll

To be included in the Honor Roll, a student’s GPA (Grade Point Average) must be between 3.5 and 3.74 with no grade lower than a B for the marking period. This does not include mid-term and final exams.

Academic awards offered by individuals and special interest organizations will be permitted subject to Policy No. 9700.

National Honor Society

The National Honor Society is designed to honor students who have distinguished themselves in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service and character. The following criteria will be used for consideration of any student for membership in the National Honor Society. Induction occurs each spring.

Selection Procedure for National Honor Society (for the classes of 2019-21)

1. Students will be considered for membership in the spring of their junior and senior years.
2. A student must have been in the Westfield School system for at least three semesters.
3. A student must have a 3.75 or higher cumulative grade point average (GPA) on the academic ranking system.
4. Every faculty member, (teachers, administrators, and guidance counselors), will receive a list containing the names of those students who have satisfied the scholarship requirement.
5. On a scale of 1-5, (1=poor, 2=below average, 3=average, 4=above average, 5=superior), the faculty members will evaluate the students, whom they know, by placing a number in the appropriate column for each remaining category of leadership, service, and character.
6. All faculty members are asked to sign and return the lists to the National Honor Society advisor for tallying.
7. Each student must receive at least 5 votes that average to 3.50 or more for each of the three categories.
8. A faculty council will review the above results and give its approval.
9. All students who satisfy the above requirements will be notified in writing regarding his/her nomination for membership.
10. Each student nominated must accept membership in writing by the date requested.
11. Any student who is not accepted into the society will be given reasons if so requested by the student and/or his/her parents.

Selection Procedures for National Honor Society (for the classes of 2022 and beyond)

1. Students will be considered for membership in the spring of their junior and senior years.
2. A Student must have been in the Westfield School system for at least three semesters.
3. A Student must have a 3.800 or higher cumulative grade point average (GPA) on the weighted academic ranking system.
4. Each student who meets the 3.800 GPA Scholarship requirement will be mailed an application for National Honor Society. The application will require the following:
 - a. An Essay on what the 4 pillars of National Honor Society (Leadership, Service, Character and Scholarship) apply to them, and how National Honor Society will help develop these skills.
 - b. Proof that 20 hours of community service has been completed during their time in High School.
5. Every faculty member, (teachers, administrators, and guidance counselors), will receive a list containing the names of those student who have satisfied the scholarship requirement.
6. On a scale of 1-5, (1=poor, 2=below average, 3 = average, 4 = above average, 5= superior), the faculty members will evaluate the student's character, whom they know, by placing a number next to each student's name. All faculty members will be asked to sign and return the list to the National Honor Society Advisor for tallying.
7. Each student must receive at least 5 votes that average 3.50 or more for their character.
8. A faculty council will review the above results, the essay and the service record and give its approval.
9. Any student with disciplinary or academic integrity violations will have a chance to address this issue with Administration.
10. All students who satisfy the above requirements will be notified in writing regarding his/her induction into the organization.
11. Each student nominated must accept membership in writing by the date requested.
12. Any student who is not accepted into the society will be given reasons if so requested by the student and/or his/her parents.