

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Erskine Academy's chapter of the National Honor Society, known as the Dirigo Chapter, is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of the prestigious national organization. Membership is open to juniors and seniors who meet the required standards in four criteria: scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Standards for selection are established by the national office of NHS and have been adapted to meet our local chapter needs. Students are selected by a five-member Faculty Council appointed by the Headmaster. The Faculty Council bestows the privilege of membership upon qualified students each fall on behalf of the school.

To meet the scholarship criterion, juniors and seniors must have a cumulative GPA of 91 or better. These students will be invited to complete two forms. One form is a Student Activity Form which the students will use to provide information about their participation in clubs, athletics, and organizations outside of school. The other form is a Student Leadership Form which the students will use to provide information about their leadership roles both within the school and outside of school. Participation in Erskine Academy clubs, athletics, and organizations will be available on the students' Activity Trackers, which will also show their community service involvement. Students will need to obtain their Activity Tracker from the Guidance Office and hand that in along with the Student Activity Form and the Student Leadership Form. The Faculty Council uses two other sources of information to provide input regarding the students' qualifications: school disciplinary records and a Faculty Evaluation. The members of the Faculty Council review all the materials, and a majority vote of the Faculty Council is necessary for selection. Candidates are notified regarding selection or non-selection.

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 in the four criteria that led to their selection. Their obligations also include regular attendance at chapter meetings and participation in chapter service projects. Students or parents who have questions regarding the selection process or membership obligations may contact the chapter advisor.

ADVISOR / ADVISEE PROGRAM

Each year, the freshman class is divided into homeroom groups. Each group is assigned a faculty member who acts as an advisor. The advisor is intended to serve as an adult contact who provides support, encouragement and personal guidance to the students in their group. In addition to meeting on a daily basis during homeroom period, the advisor groups also meet on a regular basis during the school year. Each group remains intact through all four years so that students are able to get to know both their advisor and the other members of their group. The advisor program helps promote a successful high school experience and reflects the positive school environment that exists at Erskine Academy.