

# National Honor Society!



The National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS) was established in 2008 by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NAESP) in partnership with the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP). NEHS recognizes students in both public and nonpublic elementary schools for their outstanding academic achievement and demonstrated personal responsibility. Through NEHS, students provide meaningful service to the school and community and develop essential leadership skills. NEHS supports these purposes by strengthening the lives of our nation's elementary students and the schools in which they are enrolled.

As the nation's newest student recognition program, NEHS joins the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) and National Honor Society (NHS), the nation's two oldest and largest student recognition programs, in creating a continuum of excellence being established throughout the elementary, middle, and high school education community.

A goal of NEHS is to promote a positive school climate and provide opportunities to motivate *all* students to reach their greatest potential in school and in life. The National Elementary Honor Society accomplishes this like no other program. Modeled upon its respected and well known parent organization, the National Honor Society, NEHS allows us to recognize our highest achieving students in grades 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. It provides the perfect springboard to middle level learning, then high school. When you raise the bar, you reap the rewards. An NEHS chapter is the perfect way to establish a tested framework for promoting the ideals of scholarship, responsibility, service, and leadership.

Eastover extends invitations in the spring to fourth and fifth graders who have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 during the first semester. An application is sent to all students who the Talent Development (TD) Catalyst and classroom teachers have determined eligible. The requirements include an average GPA of 3.5 for the first semester. However, students will only be chosen if they also demonstrate leadership, community service, and responsibilities within the home as well as other groups or organizations they are a part of. Students who are selected are honored at a special induction ceremony. Third graders are also invited to this ceremony so they are able to learn about this wonderful honors program.

An application will be sent to eligible candidates in the third semester. Ms. Selby, the TD Catalyst teacher, will review the applications and determine which candidates will become National Honor Society members. Honor Society membership is a distinction that holds significance throughout a student's academic life—and beyond.

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