HALLOWES COVE ACADEMY

NJHS Public Selection Procedure

Fall 2026 founding class

1. Initial academic eligibility

The founding fall 2026 candidate pool is limited to Grade 8. Candidates must have a minimum 3.50 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale, based on official academic records. Official previous-school transcripts or equivalent records may be used when HCA records are incomplete. There is no minimum required period of enrollment at HCA.

2. Invitation and candidacy

Potential candidates receive an invitation to apply. Invitation or receipt of an application packet does not guarantee academic verification, selection, or membership. Completed Candidate Packets are due Friday, November 20, 2026.

3. Application requirements

- Completed candidate information and acknowledgments.
- Leadership and school involvement information and reflection.
- Service and community involvement information and reflection.
- A written character reflection essay.
- Candidate and parent/guardian signatures.
- Identification of two current core academic teachers for confidential evaluations.

4. Confidential teacher evaluations

Two current core academic teachers submit confidential evaluations directly to the chapter advisers. Teacher evaluations are not collected by students and are considered as part of the full candidate record; no individual evaluation automatically determines selection.

5. Faculty Council review

The five-member Faculty Council reviews official academic eligibility, the candidate packet and reflection, teacher evaluations, and relevant evidence of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. Relevant disciplinary information may be reviewed in context; it is not an automatic disqualification except where required by applicable policy.

6. Selection and notification

The Faculty Council selects candidates by majority vote, in accordance with the chapter bylaws. Notifications are scheduled for December 16, 2026. Candidates become members only upon formal induction. Appeals follow the chapter bylaws, the NJHS National Constitution, and applicable school/district procedures.

7. Public information

Candidate packets are available from Mrs. Baker, Room 610, during the active application window. Confidential teacher evaluation forms, individual academic information, and Faculty Council deliberations are not posted publicly.