National Elementary Honor Society

Dodge Elementary

Criteria for Selection

These procedures reflect the guidelines outlined in the NEHS National Constitution. Each school's chapter is expected to follow these guidelines as they select new members each year.

1. **Getting Started.** The selection process used at Dodge has been developed and approved by members of the Faculty (teachers) and the principal. The steps in the process are written and published for students, parents, and others to read and understand.

2. **Candidacy.** As the first step in the process, the grades the student has earned in recent years are reviewed to determine who is eligible for membership. The grades for the last semester are averaged together and should be 87 or above. In addition, student must not have a C or below in any academic area. Conduct will also be reviewed. Students should have an 85 average or higher in conduct. They are allowed no more than 2 discipline tickets. If this criteria is met, the student will be eligible for application to the honor society.

3. **Collecting Candidate Information.** Once the student has been identified as a Candidate for membership, he/she will be asked to complete the NEHS Application. These applications will be given out by Dr. Crist at an informational meeting. In addition to scholarship, this application addresses the following areas: Leadership, Membership/Recognition, Service, and Home/Family Responsibilities. Please pay attention to the deadline on the form indicating when the form is due back to the chapter advisers. The student and the parent or guardian will be asked to sign these forms, indicating that the content is complete and accurate. Students are to complete the application. Parents are encouraged to assist and review.

Examples of Leadership include, but are not limited to:

- Team captain
- Church leadership
- Scouting

Examples of Service include, but are not limited to:

- Actively participating in collecting, sorting, and/or distributing items received in food drives, toy drives, and clothes drives.
- Serving in a soup kitchen.

Examples of Membership/Recognition include, but are not limited to:

- Character Club
- Honor Roll
- Sports Honors

Examples of Home/Family Responsibilities include, but are not limited to

- Routine chores
- Babysitting (friends, family, etc.)

4. **Candidate Review.** Once the Faculty Council (the selection committee) has received all of the Candidate Forms, they will review each Candidate's information anonymously and carefully.

(Once candidate forms are received, all names are removed and numbers are assigned by an administrator to insure each form is reviewed without bias).

5. **Notification.** Once the faculty committee has reviewed and scored the applications, all parents will be notified by mail of the committee's decision.

6. **Induction.** All new members of the NEHS chapter are recognized at a special event known as the Induction Ceremony. Once the student has been recognized at the Induction Ceremony, he/she will be a new member of the National Elementary Honor Society! Parents are invited and encouraged to attend the ceremony.

7. **Maintaining Membership**: In order to remain a member in good standing, students must uphold the criteria by which they were selected; this includes grades, conduct, and discipline.

If any of these criteria fall below the set standards, student will be placed on a probationary period of one quarter. Students will be given a letter informing parents of same. If grades and/or conduct remain below the standards, the student will be dismissed from membership.

Selection and Induction are just the first stages for becoming a member of NEHS. The local school chapter will plan meetings and other special activities throughout the school year. Students will learn new leadership skills and participate in service projects to improve the school and community. Membership in NEHS provides many new experiences to add value to the students' education. It is our sincere hope that students will make the most of this opportunity.