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National Honor Society

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Who can apply?

Juniors (after midterms) and Seniors (beginning of the year)

How are students notified?

Students are invited to apply via email. For juniors, students are notified via email late March/early April. For seniors, students are notified mid September.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Scholarship - **Overall weighted 90 GPA** (5 semesters in total for junior applicants; 6 semesters for senior applicants)
- Character - faculty committee reviews character requirements
- Leadership - student is engaged in their community
- Service - student volunteers time in their community

Application Requirements:

- **Faculty Recommendation Statement** (faculty emails directly to advisors)
- **Personal Statement** (250-300 words)
- **Resume**
- **Good Character Pledge and Parent Acknowledgement** (e-signatures)
- ****A faculty committee then reviews all applicants for character, leadership, and service.**

Application deadline:

- There is a mandatory meeting in February to review the application components. **The application is due in March** and submitted to the google classroom "NHS Application". Juniors are notified of acceptance in April.
- If juniors don't meet the eligibility requirements, they have an opportunity to reapply in the beginning of senior year as long as their GPA is above 90. In this case, **seniors are required to submit their application late September**. They will be notified of acceptance in early October and required to attend the ceremony mid-October.

Ceremony: **Early May for juniors. Mid-October for seniors.**

Dues: N/A

Website: <https://www.nationalhonorsociety.org/>

NYS Science Honor Society

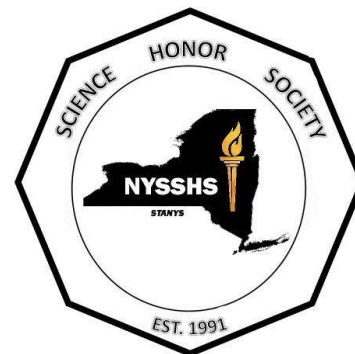
Advisor: Herb Weiss, hweiss@rvcschools.org

Who can apply?

Juniors and seniors

How are students notified?

Students are invited to apply and emailed a letter of eligibility with the application.



Eligibility Criteria (point scale):

- Completed a **minimum of 3 years of HS regents classes**
- Be **enrolled in a fourth year of science** (IB, Anatomy/Physiology, Physics)
- Unweighted **90 GPA in science**
- Unweighted **85 GPA overall**
- **Participation in science related activities/programs**

Application Requirements:

- **Application** - General Information
- **Extracurricular activities**
- **Personal statement** - 250-300 words about the impact you will make as a member
- **Three (3) faculty recommendation forms** (*at least 2 from science*)
- **Eligible science related activities/programs**

Application Deadline: **Early October of junior year.** Submit stapled application to Mr. Weiss.

Ceremony: **Induction takes place late October in junior year.**

Dues: N/A

Website: <https://stanys.org/science-honor-society>

National Art Honor Society

Advisor: **Keith Gamache**, KGAMACHE@RVCSchools.org



Who can apply?

Freshmans, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors

How are students notified?

Students apply on their own. In September, announcements are made, flyers are posted in the hallways, and postings are made to the art Google Classrooms. Students are notified in art classes, as well.

Timeline:

- September: **Announcements made - flyers in halls, postings to art GC**
- October: **Application/reapplication – students must reapply EACH year**
- November: **Start Memory Project** – there's a \$15 participation fee - can be waived
- December: **Submit entry to Scholastic Art and Writing Awards**
- January - **Hand in artwork for induction ceremony**
- February - **Memory project due**

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must have completed **1 credit of high school art** (*Studio Art counts!*)
- Maintain **85 average in art classes**
- Enter **at least one work of art to the Scholastic Art Awards Competition** (\$10.00 payable through website - fee waiver available)
- Complete an art service project:
 - **Memory Project:** Portrait or Identity Art [\$15.00 contribution - this will not prevent you from participating], OR
 - **Six art-related service hours** to the school/community
- Choose an **art teacher as a mentor** of your art for Scholastic Awards
- Pay **\$5.00 NAHS dues**
- Create/submit **original work of art for the April Induction Ceremony** by January

Application Deadline:

October of each school year (must reapply each year - \$5.00 annual membership)

Ceremony: Induction takes place in April.

Dues: Yes - \$5.00 national due for application and \$15.00 participation fee for Memory Project (can be reduced or eliminated if students fundraise). Total - \$20.00

Website: <https://www.arteducators.org/community/national-art-honor-societies>)

International Thespian Society

Advisor: Pam Seiderman, PSEIDERMAN@RVCSchools.org

Who can apply?

Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors

How are students notified?

Students apply on their own. Students are notified by the teacher/advisor in theatre classes, musical/drama productions and the Drama Guild. There are also postings made on Google Classroom for all theatre classes and the Drama Guild in the beginning of the year.



Eligibility Criteria:

- **Students must achieve a minimum 10 points through the system established by the Educational Theatre Association. Points are awarded through participation in a theatre class, Drama Guild and/or production (on or off stage).**

Application Requirements:

- **Complete the [Point Form](#)**

Application Deadline:

Once students meet the requirements and submit the point form to the advisor, they receive an electronic invitation from the advisor for the induction ceremony.

Ceremony: **Induction takes place in the fall or spring – this date changes year to year.**

Dues: **\$35 (one time initiation fee - lifetime membership)**

Website: <https://schooltheatre.org/international-thespian-society/induction-points/>

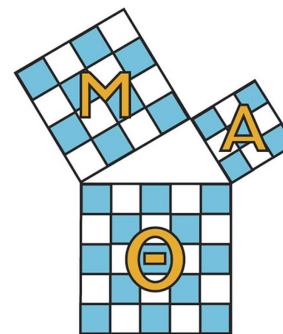
New York State Math Honor Society

Advisor: Russ Hoernig, rhoernig@rvcschools.org

Who can apply?
Juniors, Seniors

How are students notified?

Eligible students are invited to apply. Letters are mailed home in the beginning/middle of October



Eligibility Criteria:

- **Unweighted 90 GPA in math**
- **Weighted 85 GPA overall**
- **Completed 3 years of high school/college math**
- **Enrolled in a high school math course at the time of application**

Application Requirements:

- **Write an essay** – “Who is the person that has the greatest impact on me in mathematics?” You can write about a teacher, friend, relative - anyone who has positively influenced you in mathematics.
- **Math Teacher Recommendation**

Application Deadline: **Early November**

Ceremony: **Induction takes place end of November**

Dues: N/A

Website: N/A

National World Language Honor Society

Advisor: **Silvia Bonanno**, SBONANNO@RVCSchools.org
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Who can apply?

Juniors (after midterms)

How are students notified?

Eligible students are invited to apply and emailed a letter of eligibility weeks before the induction ceremony.

Eligibility Criteria:

- **Unweighted 90 GPA in Spanish or French (5 semesters)**

Application Requirements:

- Submit an **essay** on languages (no physical application)

Application Deadline: **March**

Ceremony: **Induction is in early April**

Dues: N/A

Website: N/A



Tri-M Music Honor Society

Advisor: **Katie Mark**, KMARK@RVCSchools.org

Who can apply?

Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors

How are students notified?

Students apply on their own. Postings made in Google Classroom and announcements in every music class. Application link (google form) is posted in every music google classroom and there is a QR code posted on the Tri-M Bulletin Board.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Be enrolled in at least **one performance ensemble/ music class** each year
- Unweighted **90 GPA** in music
- Weighted **85 GPA overall**
- Continued **character** strength that includes **service, leadership and cooperation**
- Service requirement: complete a minimum of **2 music service events**. *This can include Lobby Live, Concert Candy Sales, Music Tutoring, etc.*

Application Requirements:

- Students must submit a google form application and respond to the following question:
How has music impacted your life? What do you think you can contribute to the Tri-M Music Honor Society?

Application Deadline: **Due middle/late September** (acceptance letter will be emailed)

Ceremony: **Mid-October**

Dues: N/A

Website: <https://nafme.org/student-opportunities/tri-m-music-honor-society/>