

IBN KHULDOON NATIONAL SCHOOL
HONOR SOCIETY
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1. Rationale:

Recognition of excellence and merit provides recipients with satisfaction and self-esteem, and other students with motivation to improve. It is also in agreement with the school's philosophy where the main goal is to develop students with a balance between academic excellence, personal and citizenship qualities, and physical and aesthetic performance. These three areas constitute the main criteria for qualification to membership in the Ibn Khuldoon Honor Society (**IKHS**). Furthermore, students who show outstanding improvement from one semester to the next (measured on the GPA scale) will be recognized as well through the **Merit Awards**.

2. Honor Society:

Well-rounded students who excel at all aspects are eligible for the IKHS membership.

a) Criteria

The criteria for qualification to IKHS membership is centered on three areas:

- Academic excellence (**AE**),
- Personal and citizenship qualities and (**PC**),
- Physical and aesthetic performance (**PA**).

The weight of criteria is:

50% for (**AE**) and 50% for (**PC**) and (**PA**) combined.

- (i) *Academic Excellence (AE): A student who obtains an overall combined Grade Point Average of 3.25 or above for three consecutive semesters is eligible for qualification to IKHS membership.*

N.B.

*A student who joins IKNS and obtains a Grade Point Average of 3.25 or above for his first semester work will still be considered for qualification for the membership of IKHS should the combined overall Grade Point Average for three consecutive semesters (two from his/her previous school and one from IKNS) be 3.25 or above. However, **the previous school must be an accredited school with a competitive equivalent program.***

Percentage wise,

Overall average	% grade
> 3.75	100%
3.50 –3.74	95%
3.25 – 3.49	90%

ii) • Physical and Aesthetic Performance (PA):

This area reflects the student's active and creative involvement beyond the class achievement in physical education, music, art, drama, photography, etc. To satisfy this category, a student needs to participate EITHER in

One yearly club & one sport OR

One semester club & two sports OR

One yearly club & one semester club

Involvement in activities is calculated using an hour-point system. A yearly club meets for an average 24 hours. The maximum number of points that can be obtained per club due to active participation is 72. Participation counts for 24 points, and commitment (active participation) for 48 points.

A sport on the other hand, is equivalent to 12 hours.

Thus, the maximum number of points that can be obtained from a sport is 36 (12 for active participation, and 24 for commitment).

To be eligible for qualification to IKHS membership, a minimum of **96 points** should be obtained. Each club informs candidates how to obtain points in the club.

• Personal and citizenship qualities (PC):

This area reflects features and qualities including leadership, responsibility, honesty/trustworthiness, sportsmanship, tolerance, relations with others, participation in activities, community service, creativity and citizenship. (Definitions of these qualities appear in Appendix B). Each of these 10 qualities is assessed on a scale that runs from 1 (poor) to 6 (outstanding). Thus, a maximum of 60 points can be obtained on the personal and citizenship qualities. (See Appendix B for the personal and citizenship qualities scale).

To be eligible for qualification to IKHS, a student must obtain at least **50 points** on this area.

As mentioned above, 50% is given to areas (ii)(PA) and (iii)(PC) combined. To arrive at the combined grade, the points in each of the two criteria are converted into letter grades.

PA		PC	
Number points		Number of points	
<u>108</u>	A	<u>59 - 60</u>	A
<u>105 - 107</u>	B	<u>57 - 58</u>	B
<u>102 - 104</u>	C	<u>55 - 56</u>	C
<u>99 - 101</u>	D	<u>53 - 54</u>	D
<u>96 - 98</u>	E	<u>50 - 52</u>	E

The letter grades from each of the two areas are combined using the following matrix in order to arrive at an overall letter grade for both. That is,

Physical and Aesthetic (PA)

		A	B	C	D	E
	A	A	A	B	B	C
(PC)	B	A	B	B	C	C
personal	C	B	B	C	C	D
and	D	C	C	D	D	D
citizenship	E	D	D	D	E	E

The overall letter grade is then converted into percentage according to the following scale:

A	100%
B	90%
C	80%
D	75%
E	70%

Note: Obtaining ' 2 Es ' for two consecutive years will disqualify the student.

(iii) In order to arrive at an overall percentage grade, (AE) percentage grade and the combined (PA) and (PC) percentage grades are added and divided by 2.

That is,
$$\frac{(\text{AE}) \% + (\text{PA} + \text{PC})\%}{2}$$

For example, a student obtaining a 3.25 overall average and an C on (PA) and (PC) combined, will earn the following % grade:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 3.25 & (\text{AE}) & 90\% \\ \underline{C} & (\text{PA} + \text{PC}) & \underline{80\%} \\ \text{The overall average} & = & \underline{85\%} \end{array}$$

To be eligible for qualification to IKHS membership, a minimum of 85% on the combined 3 criteria must be obtained.

- b) Candidacy for IKHS
Personal candidacy will be used. A form is completed.
The application period is during March.
- c) Deliberation period by the IKHS Committee is conducted during April.

- d) Ceremony and Awards
The ceremony will be conducted at the end of May for all grades (9 - 12). Names of students will be announced during a special ceremony held during school hours in the presence of recipients' parents and all students. Each student member will be awarded a pin and a certificate. A list of Honor Society members is distributed to parents, the press, and the other groups concerned. It is also posted in school halls.
- e) Rejected Memberships
Candidates whose membership is denied, receive a letter from the IKHS Committee justifying the decision and recommending actions for improvement before reapplying.
- f) Number of Members
Membership in the Honor Society reflects set criteria and not a competition. It is criteria based and, therefore, open to all students who qualify. There may be one per level, none or several. It is open for students from 9 - 11.
- g) Dismissal from IKHS
- The member is involved in actions that contradict the school policies as indicated by student handbook.
 - The member has missed two or more consecutive IKHS meetings without valid excuse.
- h) Eligibility for membership for the current IKHS members will be reviewed annually. An IKHS member will be dismissed once he or she stops to satisfy the three criteria
- i) Students who repeatedly violate the school's rules (to include, but not limited to, attendance, uniform, classroom disruption, & bullying), will not be eligible to join IKHS.

3. ***Deadlines:***

March	Application
April / May	Deliberations
End of May	Honor Society Ceremony

APPENDIX A
PERSONAL AND CITIZENSHIP QUALITIES DEFINITIONS:

1. **Leadership:**
 - is an exemplary role model leader, and is cooperative;
 - proposes ideas and solutions to problems;
 - takes initiative and follows through.

2. **Responsibility:**
 - comes to class/school prepared and ready;
 - is punctual;
 - performs jobs in the best possible way.

3. **Honesty/Trustworthiness:**
 - is honest and trustworthy;
 - keeps promises;
 - produces independent original work.

4. **Creativity:**
 - flexibility in thought; suggesting alternative proposals to ideas.
 - openness to others' ideas;
 - fluency in producing ideas;
 - originality.

5. **Tolerance:**
 - unconditional acceptance of beliefs, opinions, customs, behaviors, etc. , other than one's own.
 - forgiveness.

6. **Relations with others:**
 - respectful
 - cooperative

7. **Participation** in clubs and extracurricular school activities:
 - participates in sport teams, drama, bands, yearbooks, etc.

8. **Community/School Service:**
 - serves the community through the school in his/her own time.
 - helps the school community in its various functions.

9. **Sportsmanship:**
 - accepts a loss and learns from it;
 - displays good manners.

10. **Citizenship/School Spirit:**
 - cooperates with others;
 - attends school functions;
 - respects school rules & expectations;
 - keeps school and class clean;
 - tries to be a good representative of the school in the internal and external events

APPENDIX B

Personal and Citizenship Qualities Scale

	Poor	Mediocre	Satisfied	Good	Very Good	Out-standing
Leadership	1	2	3	4	5	6
Responsibility	1	2	3	4	5	6
Honesty **	1	-	-	-	-	6
Creativity *	1	2	3	4	5	6
Tolerance	1	2	3	4	5	6
Relations with others	1	2	3	4	5	6
Participation in Activities	1	2	3	4	5	6
Community Service	1	2	3	4	5	6
Sportsmanship *	1	2	3	4	5	6
Citizenship *	1	2	3	4	5	6

* Obtaining more than one (1) or (2) on these qualities will disqualify the candidate.

** Obtaining 1 on honesty disqualifies the candidate.