The following material is an excerpt from the National Honor Society Handbook and will give further help in the definition of Leadership, Service, and Character.

## **LEADERSHIP - THE STUDENT WHO EXERCISES LEADERSHIP:**

- Is resourceful in proposing new problems, applying principles, and making suggestions
- Demonstrates leadership in promoting school activities
- Exercises influence on peers in upholding school ideals
- Contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school
- Is able to delegate responsibilities
- Exemplifies positive qualities
- Inspires positive behavior in others
- Successfully holds school offices or positions of responsibility, conducts business efficiently and effectively
- Demonstrates leadership in classroom, at work, and in school activities
- Is thoroughly dependable in any responsibility accepted
- Responds positively to administrative direction

## **SERVICE - THE STUDENT WHO SERVES:**

- Is willing to uphold scholarship and maintain a loyal school attitude
- Participates in some outside activity: Girl Scouts; Boy Scouts; church groups; volunteer services for the aged, poor, or disadvantaged; family duties
- Volunteers dependable and well-organized assistance, is gladly available, and is willing to sacrifice to offer assistance
- Works well with others and is willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities
- Cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school
- Is willing to represent the class or school in interclass and interscholastic competition
- Does committee and staff work uncomplainingly
- Shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers, and students

## **CHARACTER - THE STUDENT OF CHARACTER:**

- Takes criticism willingly, and accepts recommendations graciously
- Constantly exemplifies desirable qualities of personality (cheerfulness, friendliness, poise, stability)
- Upholds principles of morality and ethics
- Cooperates by complying with school regulations concerning property, programs, office, halls, etc.
- Demonstrates highest standards of honesty and reliability
- Shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others
- Observes instructions and rules, punctuality, and faithfulness in obligations both inside and outside of the classroom
- Has powers of concentration and sustained attention as shown by perseverance and application to studies
- Manifests truthfulness in acknowledging obedience of rules, avoiding cheating in written work, and showing unwillingness to profit by the mistakes of others
- Actively helps to rid the school of bad influences or environment