

NJHS Membership Criteria

The following information is the criterion for membership into the National Junior Honor Society.

Scholarship

During the year of consideration, the NJHS candidate must maintain a cumulative average of 3.5 in all courses through the 3rd nine weeks grading period.

Leadership

The NJHS candidate is resourceful in proposing new problems, applying principles, and making suggestions. He/she demonstrates leadership in promoting school activities; exercises influence on peers in upholding school ideals, contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school, and is able to delegate responsibilities. This candidate exemplifies positive attitude, inspires positive behavior in others, demonstrates academic initiative, successfully holds school offices or positions of responsibility, and conducts business efficiently and effectively. He/she is reliable and dependable without prodding, and demonstrates leadership in the classroom and in school activities.

Service

The NJHS candidate is cheerful, has a cooperative attitude, shows school pride, participates in activities, and volunteers to help. This candidate spends time volunteering in the community, church or other organizations.

Citizenship

The NJHS candidate relates in a positive way to other students, respects all adults, respects school property, follows school rules in the halls, cafeteria, classroom, and school events, respects authority, and accepts instruction. In addition, this candidate understands the importance of civic involvement. This candidate demonstrates mature participation and responsibility through involvement with such activities as scouting, community organizations, and school clubs.

Character

The NJHS candidate is reliable, dependable, loyal, kind to peers, respectful of authority, and is punctual with school assignments and organization meetings. The candidate will uphold principles of morality and ethics, demonstrate the highest standards of honesty and reliability, and show courtesy, concern and respect for others. He/she will also observe instructions and rules, manifest truthfulness in obedience to rules, avoid cheating in written work, show unwillingness to profit by the mistake of others.

A candidate for membership must be in attendance at the school the equivalent of one semester. Membership is open to qualified 6th, 7th, and 8th graders who have a cumulative weighted scholastic average of 3.5 in all courses. While scholastic achievement is the most important criterion, the qualities of character, leadership, citizenship, and service are also considered for acceptance into the NJHS. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities.

Students who qualify scholastically will receive notification after the 3rd nine-weeks grading period. Each candidate will receive a personal notification of this qualification. Candidates must complete the application which was handed to the student at the information meeting, can be found on canvas or in Student Services. The application must be turned in within a stated time period in order to be considered for membership into the NJHS.

The character criterion is defined as consistently demonstrating desirable qualities of behavior. This includes complying with school regulations, showing courtesy, concern, respect for others, and exemplifying the highest standards of honesty, reliability, and dependability.

Membership in the NJHS is an honor and a responsibility. No student has a right to belong to this organization – it is an honor bestowed upon him or her by the faculty. The campus selection process adheres to the guidelines established by the national organization. To be eligible for membership into the NJHS, a student must demonstrate outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, citizenship and service.