National Junior Honor Society

About NJHS

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is a special program that recognizes middle school students who stand out for their hard work, strong character, and dedication to helping others. It's more than just getting good grades—NJHS celebrates students who show leadership, kindness, responsibility, and a commitment to serving their school and community.

Our school has been proud to have an NJHS chapter for several years, and it has become a valuable part of who we are. Students can become NJHS candidates in 6th and 7th grades, and those who meet all the requirements are honored in a special induction ceremony each spring.

Being a part of NJHS helps students grow academically, build confidence, and become thoughtful leaders who make a difference both in and out of school.

What We Do

Our members lead and participate in meaningful service projects throughout the school year. Here are some highlights of our work:

- Host friendly fundraisers, such as our Penny War.
- Working with local charities to collect and organize food for care packages.
- Volunteering at open house each year.
- Provide tutoring opportunities to younger students.

Member Expectations

Being part of NJHS is both an honor and a responsibility. Members are expected to:

- Maintain a high academic standard (see eligibility below).
- Complete a set number of service hours each semester.
    - 15 hours of service in the fall AND spring semesters (30 total)
- Attend all NJHS meetings and events (unless excused in advance).
- Demonstrate strong leadership and character in all school settings.
- Participate actively in group service projects and contribute ideas.

Eligibility Guidelines

Students interested in joining NJHS must meet the following criteria:

- GPA Requirement: Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- Character: Show integrity, honesty, respect, and responsibility both in the classroom and the community.
- Leadership: Demonstrate leadership by being active in the classroom, in clubs, or athletics..
- Service: Must be ready and willing to devote your time towards helping others.
- Citizenship: Uphold school rules and show a positive attitude toward classmates and staff.
    - Can not have received four or more behavior notices, or received a suspension.

Eligible students will be invited to apply at the beginning of Trimester 2, followed by a review process by a council of faculty members.

Questions?

For more information, please contact our NJHS Advisor:
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