



NJHS APPLICATION

Dear Prospective Member,

Thank you for your interest in NJHS. Please make sure you qualify before turning in an application.

What is NJHS?

NJHS is the National Junior Honor Society. Since 1929, NJHS has been an organization for the brightest students in middle school. Students are selected on the basis of leadership, service, character and citizenship. Members are part of a group of leaders and scholars. NJHS is also a service organization. We feel that having earned the right to be a member also means that you should give back to the school and community that have gotten you where you are. NJHS sponsors food drives, toy drives and participates in many community service projects. Students are expected to earn 10 community service hours per semester. Also, qualifying members go on a field trip at the end of their second year.

How do I get into NJHS?

- You need to be in 7th or 8th grade.
- You need to have a GPA of 3.5 or better for the current school year.
- You need to have 3 positive teacher recommendations
- You need to fill out an application and **return it to Mr. Miller** in room 630.
- Give the attached recommendation forms to 3 teachers. **DO NOT ASK FOR THEM BACK.** The teachers will turn them in for you.
- You should not have more than one school disciplinary action taken against you. (ISS, etc.)
- If you fulfill the requirements, you will be notified in writing and inducted into the NJHS at a special evening ceremony.

How do I calculate my GPA (Grade Point Average)?

- You will need your grades for the last two report cards (1st and 2nd nine weeks of THIS school year).
- Look only at the grades of your 4 core classes (Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies.)
- Write down all 8 grades (your 4 core classes for each of the report cards.)
- Assign a number value to each grade. A is 4, B is 3, C is 2, D is 1 and F is 0. Add all these numbers together.
- Divide your answer by 8. That's your GPA.
- If your GPA is a 3.5 or better, fill out the application!

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Name _____ Homeroom _____ Grade _____

GPA _____

Have you had any disciplinary action taken against you? YES NO

If yes, what? _____

Please list all activities in which you have participated during middle school. Include clubs, teams, musical groups, etc., and major accomplishments in each:

Please list all elected or appointed leadership positions held in school, community or work activities.

Please list any community activities in which you have participated and note any major accomplishments in each. Ex. Church groups, clubs outside of school, Girl/Boy Scouts, etc.

****Please include the names of the 3 teachers to whom you have given recommendation forms:**

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

National Junior Honor Society Recommendation

Student Name _____

Recommending Teacher or Staff Member _____

Please circle a number for each category, **5 being the best, 1 being the worst**. Please be as honest as possible. NJHS is only for the brightest and most reliable students. Please return to Mr. Miller's mailbox. **DO NOT GIVE THEM BACK TO THE STUDENT!**

Quality	Examples	Rating
Leadership	Proposes new solutions, exercises influence on peers, contributes ideas, delegates responsibilities, has a positive attitude, inspires positive behaviors in others, demonstrates academic initiative, successfully holds school offices or positions of responsibility, is thoroughly dependable.	1 2 3 4 5
Service	Participates in some outside activity, volunteers dependable and well-organized assistance, is gladly available, cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school, shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers and students.	1 2 3 4 5
Character	Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously, consistently exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior, upholds principles of morality and ethics, cooperates by complying with school regulations, demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability, shows courtesy, concern and respect for others, actively helps rid the school of bad influences or environments.	1 2 3 4 5
Citizenship	Understands the importance of civic involvement, has a high regard for freedom, justice, and respect of the American form of government, demonstrates mature participation and responsibility through involvement with such activities as school clubs, scouting and community organizations.	1 2 3 4 5
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