

# **National Junior Honor Society Requirements**

## **\*Frequently Asked Questions\***

### **\*What is the National Junior Honor Society?**

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) honors students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character.

### **\*What is the GPA requirement for the NJHS?**

The primary requirement for the NJHS is a minimum GPA of 3.5. Grades earned during the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 8<sup>th</sup> grade are calculated. Grades earned during 7<sup>th</sup> grade are not included.

### **\*How will I know if I meet the GPA requirement?**

A list of students who earn the minimum GPA of 3.5 or higher will be available in the Junior High office during late February.

### **\*Is there a community service requirement?**

Yes. All students meeting the GPA requirement must also complete **20 hours** of community service. Community service completed from the day a student finishes 6<sup>th</sup> grade up to the due date of the Junior Honor Society application may be included. All volunteer work (with the exception of babysitting) will be accepted.

### **\*Will I be required to complete an application?**

Yes. Students who meet the GPA requirement must complete an application packet. Application packets will be distributed to students who meet the GPA requirement. The packet can also be found on the Jr. High Webpage

### **\* What information do I need for the application?**

The application will ask for the following information:

- \*Community service hours completed
- \*Extra-curricular activities & leadership positions held (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade only)
- \*Teacher recommendations
- \*Brief essay ("Why I Believe I am a Candidate for the National Junior Honor Society")

### **\*Will grades earned in either Biology Accelerated or Math 8 Accelerated be weighted?**

No. The grades earned in both Biology Accelerated and Algebra I are averaged in the same manner the grades earned from the other core courses are.