

## Memorial Middle School /National Junior Honor Society Information



### Eligibility/Requirements for National Junior Honor Society

Academic Eligibility (open to 7th/8th graders):

Commencing with the 2024-2025 school year, you must maintain a 92% cumulative grade point average. These grades are *not* rounded; therefore, a 91.9% cumulative average *will not* be eligible.

Leadership:

Are you resourceful, a good problem solver, idea contributor? Are these qualities that you consistently demonstrate in all of your classes? Your teachers at MMS will share their observations with the NJHS membership committee. To meet the leadership criterion, you must name at least 3 leadership roles at school or in the community achieved since 6th grade.

Some examples of leadership include:

1. Leader in Student Council
2. Chairperson of a committee
3. Elected Captain of a sports team
4. Editor of yearbook
5. Officer of any group, club or committee (i.e., Patrol leader in Scouts)
6. Active unpaid leadership role in a class/peer tutoring verified by the teacher of the class *i.e. religious ed assistant, dance assistant, swim instructor*
7. Taking on a “teacher like” role in events in or outside of school (*i.e. teaching a Sunday school class or teacher assistant in school*)
8. Section leader in band or chorus

Talk to your teachers about possible opportunities that may be available in their classroom. This may include teaching part of a class or forming/leading a study group.

Character:

A student of good character is cooperative, demonstrates high standards of honesty, reliability, shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others, and generally maintains a clean disciplinary record. Your teachers at MMS are asked to rate the students they teach in areas of conduct and character and share their observations with the NJHS membership committee. A student is automatically disqualified if given a poor rating. A student with 2 fair ratings will automatically be disqualified. The NJHS advisors do not rate students but all other teachers do. Applicants may NOT have any IN or OUT of school suspensions or any discipline referrals to the principals. Detentions and report card comments indicating needed improvement may also have an impact. Even *one* referral demonstrating a lack of these characteristics or a negative report card comment could be enough to prevent a student from being accepted into NJHS.

### Citizenship:

The student who demonstrates citizenship understands the importance of civic engagement, has a high regard for freedom and justice, respects the U.S. form of government, and respects the law for all citizens at the local, state, and federal levels. The student demonstrates mature participation and responsibility in activities such as scouting, community organizations, or school clubs (extracurricular activities).

### Service Activities:

“Service before self” is the motto of NJHS. Students should enjoy helping their school and community without compensation. To be selected as a member, you must demonstrate at least 20 hours of service at school or in the community since 6th grade (*all unpaid*). These hours must include participation in at least three different activities during 6th, 7th, or 8th grades. There is a minimum of 1 hour per activity for it to count; related activities (i.e., girl scout service projects) can count as one activity.

Some examples of these activities include:

1. Student Council or Jazz Band
2. Office Aide, Library Aide, Teacher Aide
3. Peer Tutor in school or outside (i.e., religious ed assistant, dance assistant, swim instructor)
4. Church and Charity Activities
5. Girl/Boy Scouts, 4H, Civil Air Patrol
6. School Committees
7. Service Club
8. Extra-curricular Music Groups (Jazz Ensemble, Show Choir, Church groups)
9. Newspaper, Yearbook
10. Helping with Handicapped Students
11. Volunteer work at Nursing Homes, Salvation Army, soup kitchens, hospitals, Special Olympics
12. Relay for Life

The MMS faculty council will evaluate all applications.

Students must meet ALL FIVE PILLARS to be accepted into NJHS. Parents of selected and non-selected students are notified by mail approximately one-two weeks prior to the induction ceremony. If accepted, students are expected to maintain the above expectations throughout the year. Failure to do so will result in dismissal. Attendance at NJHS meetings and participation in some school events where volunteers are needed are mandatory.