

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

Membership in the Magnolia Public School chapter of the Junior National Honor Society is open to qualified seventh and eighth grade students selected by the Faculty Council. Selection is based on scholarship, leadership, service, character, and citizenship criteria. Students are identified by our advisor first through the report card process. Initial eligibility for 7th grade is determined by evaluating 6th grade report cards for the 1st, 2nd trimester, and 3rd trimester cumulative averages for Math, Science, Social Studies, and Reading. Eligibility for 8th grade is determined by using 7th grade 1st and 2nd, and 3rd trimester Trimester.

NJHS Academic and Non-Academic Requirements

Students must submit an application if identified or feel they meet the criteria. They must maintain the following standards in order to remain an active member: a cumulative overall grade of **85 or above**; suspension free; must NOT commit any incidences of academic fraud which includes but is not limited to plagiarism, cheating, multiple submissions of an academic work, etc. These are also the standards used for consideration to society.

Students will also be required to participate in 15 hours of community service through a school sponsored organization. This 15 hour requirement also includes mandatory participation in one chapter service project.

Eligibility will also be dependent upon the totality of the 5 criteria required by the national chapter. They are below:

- **Scholarship**
Per national guidelines, at a minimum, students must have a **cumulative GPA of 85 or above**, B, 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent standard of excellence. (Each school chapter is allowed to require a higher cumulative GPA.)
- **Service**
This involves voluntary contributions made by a student to the school or community, done without compensation.
- **Leadership**
Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, and idea contributors. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activities while working with or for others.
- **Character**
The student of good character is cooperative; demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability; shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others; and generally maintains a clean disciplinary record.
- **Citizenship**
The student who demonstrates citizenship understands the importance of civic engagement; has a high regard for freedom and justice; respects democracy; respects the law for all citizens at the local, state, and federal levels; and demonstrates mature participation and responsibility in activities such as scouting, community organizations, or school clubs.

NJHS Chapter and Community Service Requirements

All NJHS members are expected to be active in the society. Members are also expected to be active in community service.

To maintain good standing as a member of NJHS, Members must complete 15 hours of community service, and one NJHS project. The hours from participating in the mandatory service projects, are part of the 15 hours required per year of membership.

If a member fails to complete the mandatory number of hours of service and a chapter service project in a school year, they will be required to complete the missing number of hours and/or the project the following year by the second trimester or lose their eligibility.

Examples of school sponsored/honor society endorsed activities include, but are not limited to: Fundraisers or drives; Walks for a cause, etc.

- Community Service is defined as **Services volunteered by individuals or an organization to benefit a community or its institutions without any compensation, monetary or otherwise.**
- Community service is NOT selling to raise money to offset costs for the organization or individuals of the organization, such as field trip costs. Any community service for fundraising must be for school sponsored/honor society endorsed projects or organizations whose money is going directly to a non-for-profit foundation/cause.
- Community Service is not helping a teacher grade papers or organize materials, unless it is for a school sponsored/honor society endorsed community service project.
- The following are considered acceptable times for completing community service during the school day: students' scheduled lunch times; 30 minutes before and after school; school sponsored/honor society endorsed field trips; club period.

Meeting Times

NJHS meets a minimum of once a month during club or at the teacher's scheduled request. Members are required to be at all meetings. Only three unexcused meeting absences per school year will be allowed.

Probation

Not adhering to any of the above-mentioned policies could result in probation action. A student who is placed on probation will be sent a letter informing the student and his or her parents/guardian. The NJHS committee will also be informed of the probation. The letter will have guidelines on how to rectify the issue to be removed from probation. If a student does not correct the issue, they can be dismissed from either organization. Furthermore, the national organization will be notified of dismissal.