

What is a National Junior Honor Society Member?

The following is the prerequisite criteria for membership in the National Junior Honor Society (National Assoc. of Secondary School Principals Handbook, pp. 26-28) - Members are subject to, but not limited by, these descriptors:

4.2.1 Scholarship. To be eligible for membership the candidate must be a member of the following classes: second semester sixth grade, seventh grade, or eighth grade. Candidates must have been in attendance at the school for a minimum of the equivalent of one semester. The cumulative scholastic criterion for eligibility for all members is minimum 86 in all core subject classes (math, language arts, social studies, and science) each quarter. Also, members must not receive an academic grade in any other class lower than 80 on quarterly report cards. Students who demonstrate these scholastic requirements are then eligible for consideration on the basis of service, leadership, citizenship, and character.

4.2.2 Leadership. Members who exercise leadership will: exemplify positive attitudes, inspire positive behaviors in others, demonstrate academic initiative, conduct business effectively and efficiently, demonstrate reliability and dependability, and be dependable in any responsibility accepted.

4.2.3 Service. Service is generally considered to be those actions undertaken by the student which are done with or on behalf of others without any direct financial or material compensation. The student who serves: volunteers and provides dependable and well-organized assistance, is gladly available, and is willing to sacrifice to offer assistance. Members also work well with others and are willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities, do committee and staff work without complaint, mentor persons in the community, and participate in some activity outside of school (e.g., Girl/Boy Scouts, religious groups, volunteer services for the elderly, poor, or disadvantaged). All members are required to participate in chapter service projects, in addition to choosing and participating in one additional individual service project per year that reflects his or her particular talents and interests. This is in addition to the chapter projects to which all members must contribute. [see NJHS Constitution, Article XIV, Section 4]

4.2.4 Citizenship. The student who demonstrates citizenship: understands the importance of civic involvement, has a high regard for freedom and justice; respects the U.S. form of government (representative democracy); and respects the laws at the local, state, and federal level that protect that government; demonstrates mature participation and responsibility through involvement with such activities as scouting, community organizations, and school clubs.

4.2.5 Character. The student of character: consistently exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior (e.g., cheerfulness, friendliness, poise, stability); cooperates by complying with school regulations concerning property, programs, office, halls, etc.; observes instructions and rules, is punctual, and faithful both inside and outside the classroom; manifests truthfulness in acknowledging obedience to rules, avoiding cheating in written work, and showing an unwillingness to profit by the mistakes of others.