



National Junior Honor Society
Port Chester Middle School
Port Chester, New York

Nationally Recognized Blue Ribbon School

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NJHS Application Requirements

All 7th and 8th grade students are eligible for induction to the National Junior Honor Society. To be considered for induction, you must excel in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character. Community service is an extremely important part of becoming eligible for membership. The students that have met the scholarship requirement for the year will be asked by the faculty council to provide information about themselves for the other four areas. The students selected by the faculty council for induction will be notified in late May.

Scholarship

The student who demonstrates scholarship:

*Maintains a B+ average for the year. (88 average or 3.3 on a 4.0 point scale)

Leadership

The student who exercises leadership:

*Demonstrates leadership in promoting school activities.

*Exercises influence on peers in upholding school ideals.

*Successfully holds school offices or positions of responsibility, conducting business efficiently, and effectively, and without prodding, demonstrates reliability and dependability.

*Is able to delegate responsibilities.

*Is thoroughly dependable in any responsibility accepted.

*Demonstrates academic initiative.

Service

The commitment to service requires being a “motivating force of change”. You are involved in acts of improving, caring, and helping. In other words, you are benefiting others. Service is what you do that goes *beyond* your basic memberships in any organization, group, team, activity, or club. Service is your part in helping to *improve* your school and community and improving it for others.

****Remember, the commitment to service benefits others.****

Examples of Preferred Community Service Opportunities

Soup Kitchens
Salvation Army
Local Hospitals
Girl/Boy Scouts
Youth Groups
Peer Tutoring

Habitat for Humanity
American Red Cross
Nursing Homes
Church Service Projects
Parks Clean-up
Participation in Walk-a-thons

Citizenship

The student who demonstrates citizenship:

- *Understands the importance of involvement in community activities.
- *Has a high regard for freedom, justice, and respect for the American form of government.
- *Demonstrates mature participation and responsibility through involvement with such activities as scouting, community organizations, and school clubs.

Character

The student of positive character:

- *Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously.
- *Consistently exemplifies desirable qualities of cheerfulness, friendliness, poise, and stability.
- *Upholds principles of morality and ethics.
- *Has powers of concentration and sustained attention as shown by perseverance and application to studies.

