



**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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

