



Indian Mills Memorial School

National Junior Honor Society

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What is National Junior Honor Society?

Established in 1929, the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is one of the nation's premier organizations established to recognize outstanding middle school students. More than just an honor roll, NJHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Character, and Citizenship. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since its beginning in 1929.

What does an exemplary NJHS candidate look like?

Scholarship: Students in seventh and eighth grades who have a cumulative grade point average of 92% from all of grade six and the first two marking periods of grade seven or all of grade seven and the first two marking periods of grade eight as established by the local school's Faculty Council, meet the **scholarship** requirement for membership. These students are then eligible for consideration on the basis of service, leadership, character, and citizenship.

Service: This quality is defined through the voluntary contributions made by a student to the school and community, done without compensation and with a positive, courteous, and enthusiastic spirit.

Leadership: Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, promoters of school activities, idea-contributors, dependable, and who exemplify positive attitudes about life. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activities while working with or for others.

Character: The student of good character upholds principles of morality and ethics, is cooperative, demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability, shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others, and generally maintains a good, clean lifestyle.

Who chooses inductees into the NJHS?

After students fill out an information sheet and the required recommendation forms from teachers and/or other adults, all qualifications will be reviewed by our Faculty Council. The Faculty Council is an anonymous group of faculty members who make final decisions about who will be invited for induction into the NJHS. The Faculty Council also serves as the group who determines if a student should be dismissed because of a failure to meet expectations in one of the five areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Character, or Citizenship. The NJHS advisors do not have a vote on the Faculty Council and will not be making any decisions regarding acceptance, rejection, or dismissal.

What do you do in NJHS?

The goal of NJHS is to build leaders and do service. Other than that, the activities are up to the NJHS members. NJHS sponsors two Fifth Grade Funfests a year and a spring dance. Proceeds from these events are donated to charities and provide funds for induction and for remaining in the national organization itself. NJHS also organizes a fall charity drive.

