



National Junior Honor Society



The National Junior Honor Society was formed in 1929 to create an organization that recognizes and encourages academic achievement while developing character, service, citizenship, and leadership. Over 80 years later, the NJHS has gained a reputation for excellence. We here at the North Country Road Middle School want to continue that tradition. Selection as a member of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is an honor recognized throughout the nation. Students do not apply for membership, but rather provide information to be used by the selection committee to support their candidacy for membership. Membership is not conveyed simply because a student has met a specific academic level of performance, but also demonstrates outstanding performance in all five criteria's of scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character.

Scholarship

The scholarship requirement set by the Faculty Council of North Country Road Middle School (NCRMS) is based on the student's cumulative grade point average during their first two years at the middle school. This refers to the total academic performance as demonstrated from the grades received by the student while in attendance at NCRMS. In order for a student to be eligible, a student must:

- Be an 8th grader.
- Have attended the school for the equivalent of two quarters.
- Achieve a cumulative 93% grade point average (rounded) during their 6th and 7th grade academic experience.

*New students who are already in a Junior Honor Society from another school are automatically placed into the society.

Leadership

Leadership is highly regarded in candidates. It is often defined in terms of offices held by the student, although it is important to recognize that leadership also exists outside of elected positions.

Character

A person of character demonstrates the following six qualities: respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, fairness, caring and citizenship. Negative traits may also be considered, but judgments will not be based on hearsay and rumor.

Service

The criterion of service is often defined in terms of performance. This may be displayed as contributions made to school, classmates, and community. Participation in some outside activity may include but are not limited to the following: Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, church groups, volunteer services for the aged, poor, or disadvantaged, and family duties.

Citizenship

Citizenship is basically a concept of participation and may be assessed in terms of attitudes regarding freedom, justice, patriotism, and respect for fellow human beings.

The Selection Process

After the student meets the scholarship criterion for NJHS, they will be asked to complete a student activity information form, submit a student written essay, and submit completed surveys from three teachers and one non-faculty member. The students will then be evaluated by the members of the Faculty Council of NCRMS. This council consists of a minimum of five voting faculty members appointed annually by the principal. The advisors works with the Faculty Council in selecting, disciplining, or dismissing members.

Student Activity Form

In assessing whether the student candidate meets the selection criteria, the student will complete a student activity form. These forms will be used to obtain information directly from the student regarding leadership and service activities. The forms will support the student's candidacy by providing relevant information to be used by the Faculty Council. The forms will include a parental/guardian signature affirming that they have reviewed the data and verified its accuracy.

Non-Faculty, Non-Relative Evaluation Form

Similar to the faculty evaluation form, the candidate will ask an individual who is not related and is not a member of the NCRMS faculty to complete a questionnaire, which will support the strength of the student's service, leadership, citizenship, and character. This individual could be a scout troop leader, minister/rabbi of a church/synagogue, or have knowledge of the student in a setting other than at school.

Student Written Essay

Lastly, the student will submit to the Faculty Council a 300-500 word essay on why that student wishes to become a member of the National Junior Honor Society of the North County Road Middle School. The student must include, but is not limited to, such topics as goals, aspirations, and potential career plans, plus what future contributions to the NJHS they hope to make.

If the student fails to include any of these components of candidacy for the NJHS, they will automatically be disqualified for further consideration.