



The National Junior Honor Society at Horizon Honors



Purpose

National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is an organization that promotes the recognition of students who demonstrate outstanding accomplishments in the areas of scholarship, character, leadership, citizenship, and service. Its purpose is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to engage in service, to promote leadership, to develop character, and to encourage good citizenship among middle school students.

Selection Procedure for 2018 – 2019 School Year

- ◆ January 2019: The NJHS Faculty Council will review GPAs and discipline records for all Middle School students not currently members. Candidate information packets will be given to students who model Horizon Honors values upholding the Student Code of Conduct and have a 3.80 or higher GPA.
- ◆ February 2019: An informational meeting will be held during lunch for those students receiving a candidate information packet (date to be announced). The deadline for completing and returning the candidate information packet will be set for 2 weeks after this meeting (date to be announced). Students may seek assistance completing their packets during student support sessions held prior to the deadline. Following the deadline, a mandatory meeting will be held to complete paperwork for the membership selection process (date to be announced).
- ◆ March 2019: The NJHS Faculty Council will meet to review the candidate information packet, student records, and teacher recommendations. Students will be selected for membership by a majority vote of the Faculty Council.
- ◆ April 2019: Letters notifying students of their selection status will be mailed.
- ◆ Wednesday, May 9, 2018: Induction Ceremony (more details to follow).

Selection Criteria

To be eligible for membership a candidate must be a 7th or 8th grader who has attended Horizon Honors for at least 1 semester. Membership in the chapter will be based on scholarship, character, leadership, citizenship, and service.

- ◆ Scholarship Criterion

1. GPA of 3.80 or above
- ◆ Leadership Criteria

A student exercises leadership when he or she:

 1. Exercises positive influence on peers in upholding school ideals and spirit
 2. Inspires positive behavior in others
 3. Demonstrates academic initiative
 4. Successfully holds offices or positions of responsibility at school or in the community
 5. Demonstrates reliability and dependability
 6. Is a leader in the classroom, at work, or in other school or community activities
 7. Is dependable in any responsibility accepted
 - ◆ Character Criteria

The student of character:

 1. Cooperates by complying with school policies and regulations and codes of student conduct
 2. Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously
 3. Demonstrates the highest standards of honesty, academic integrity, and reliability
 4. Regularly exhibits courtesy, concern, and respect for others
 5. Complies with instructions and rules, and displays personal responsibility
 - ◆ Service & Citizenship Criteria

The student who serves and demonstrates citizenship:

 1. Volunteers and provides dependable and well-organized assistance at school or in the community
 2. Works well with others and is willing to take on challenging or inconspicuous responsibilities
 3. Is willing to represent the school in public performances and interscholastic competition.
 4. Participates in some activity outside of school with a service component, for example, Girl Scouts; Boy Scouts; religious groups; volunteer services for the elderly, poor, or disadvantaged
 5. Demonstrates mature participation and responsibility through involvement with such activities as scouting, community organizations, or school clubs and teams

National Junior Honor Society Members are expected to maintain the high standard of the organization by maintaining the scholarship requirements, active participation in the organization and service work, and continued demonstration of citizenship,

leadership, and character development.