

National Junior Honor Society Requirements

Frequently Asked Questions

***What is the National Junior Honor Society?**

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) honors students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character.

***What is the GPA requirement for the NJHS?**

The primary requirement for the NJHS is a minimum GPA of 3.5. Grades earned during the 1st and 2nd quarter of 8th grade are calculated to determine eligibility. Grades earned during 7th grade are not included.

***How will I know if I meet the GPA requirement?**

A list of students who earn the minimum GPA of 3.5 or higher will be available in the Junior High office during February.

***Is there a community service requirement?**

Yes. All students meeting the GPA requirement must also complete **20 hours** of community service. Community service completed during 7th grade, summer leading into 8th grade and up to the due date of the Junior Honor Society application may be included. All volunteer work (with the exception of babysitting) will be accepted.

***Will I be required to complete an application?**

Yes. Students who meet the GPA requirement must complete an application packet. Application packets will be distributed to students who meet the GPA requirement.

*** What information do I need for the application?**

The application will ask for the following information:

- *Community service hours completed
- *Extra-curricular activities & leadership positions held (7th & 8th grade only)
- *Teacher recommendations
- *Brief essay (“Why I Believe I am a Candidate for the National Junior Honor Society”)

***Will grades earned in either Biology Accelerated or Algebra I Accelerated be weighted?**

No. The grades earned in both Biology Accelerated and Algebra I Accelerated are averaged in the same manner the grades earned in other core courses are.