



PITTSGROVE TOWNSHIP MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Being a member of the NJHS is one of the highest honors that can be awarded to a middle school student. Our chapter strives to give practical meaning to the Society's standards of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. These five ideals are considered as the basis for selection. No student is inducted simply because of a high academic average. The National Junior Honor Society strives to recognize the total student—one who excels in all of these areas. The standards used for selection are:

Scholarship: Students must maintain a marking period cumulative average of a 90, B for five consecutive marking periods leading up to the evaluation date. For 7th grade students, this is all four marking periods from their 6th grade year and the first marking period of their 7th grade year. For 8th grade students, this is all four marking periods from their 7th grade year and the first marking period of their 8th grade year.

Service: Service is generally considered to be those actions undertaken by the student that are done with or on behalf of others without any direct financial or material compensation. Candidates must complete a **minimum of 10 hours of service** to the school and/or community prior to the evaluation date. Service projects should be linked to an *official* organization. Examples include but are not limited to: SPCA, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Habitat for Humanity, NJ Veterans' Home, and religious organizations. Not acceptable: babysitting, raking leaves, doing chores, etc. Relatives may not sign off as supervisors unless they are the official organization leader. **A signature from an authorized individual from the organization is required.**

Leadership: Leadership roles in both school and the community may be considered, provided they can be verified. To meet the leadership criterion for NJHS, a student must name a **minimum of two leadership roles** on their candidate information form. These roles had to be completed during the 6th to 8th grade years of school. Examples of exercising leadership are but not limited to: Exercises positive influence on peers in upholding school ideals and spirit, successfully holds school office, is a leader in the classroom, in school activities, or in community activities.



Character: A person of character demonstrates the following six qualities: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. The student of character consistently exemplifies positive and desirable qualities of behavior and complies with school policies and codes of conduct. They demonstrate the highest standards of honesty, academic integrity and reliability. Students of character also show courtesy, concern and respect for others.

Citizenship: A student who demonstrates citizenship understands the importance of following rules and obeying the laws at school, home and in the community.

Membership, however, is more than an honor. It is an ongoing responsibility and an obligation to continue to demonstrate those outstanding qualities that result in a student's selection. Membership also carries a responsibility to the chapter. If our NJHS chapter is to be effective and meaningful, each member must become involved.

Membership obligations include the following:

1. Upon becoming a member of the NJHS, an annual due of \$20 will be payable to the chapter within 30 days of induction.
2. Once selected, all members are expected to maintain the standards by which they were selected.
3. Members are obligated to attend bimonthly meetings, and any additional special meetings.
4. All members are expected to participate in Pittsgrove Township Middle School chapter service projects.
5. In addition to the chapter service project(s), members are required to perform additional service according to their own talents and interests.
6. A minimum of 10 hours of service a year is required to maintain eligibility.



Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, service, leadership, character, or citizenship may be considered for discipline or dismissal from the Pittsgrove Township Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. A member of the National Junior Honor Society is expected to maintain his/her academic standing and take an active role in service and leadership to his/her school and community.

Violations of the law or school regulations can result in immediate consideration of the dismissal of a member. These violations include, but are not limited to stealing; destruction of property; cheating; truancy; or possession, selling, or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol at school or school-related activities or in the community.

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