

## **National Junior Honor Society Membership Criteria**

The National Junior Honor Society of Independence Junior High is an honor organization whose purpose is to recognize students who excel in academics (scholarship) as well as leadership, citizenship, service, and character. This organization is open to all 7th and 8th grade students who meet the following criteria:

- Achieve a cumulative grade of 3.0 or above in all courses
  - No grade under a 2.0 in any trimester
  - Prepare a typed personal essay indicating their desire to become an NJHS member, focusing on the five aspects of NJHS: Character, Citizenship, Scholarship, Leadership, and Service. Also, reflecting on personal attributes that make them a good candidate for membership.
  - FIVE HOURS of documented community service must be completed prior to the NJHS Induction Ceremony. (Community service is considered anything performed for the benefit of others without receiving compensation.)
  - Must commit to at least ONE, club, activity, or sport offered by the school.
  - Receive no out-of school or in-school suspensions/ No office disciplinary issues
  - Tardies: no more than 3% (this would equal 5 tardies over the course of the year) unexcused tardies in one school year.
  - Absences: no more than 5% absences in one school year.
  - It is the student's responsibility to respectfully ask TWO content teachers to complete the reference form on their behalf. Reference forms require teachers to comment on a student's character in the classroom.
  - Teachers will give the completed reference forms directly back to NJHS Advisor.
- \* Submitted a completed application with \$10.00 Fee

Each year the National Junior Honor Society will complete one or more community service projects in which all the members of the society are involved. This project could be oriented toward improving student leadership, educating them as citizens, working with, and learning about others in the community, or performing some other type of school service.

Any NJHS member who falls below a 3.0 grade point average academically, or whose conduct is not maintained, will receive written notice of probationary status. The student will have one grading period (twelve weeks) to return academic and/or conduct performance to the National Junior Honor Society standard. If the standard is not regained, or if the academic and/or conduct performance reverts to unsatisfactory levels, the student will be removed from the NJHS.