



ELM STREET MIDDLE SCHOOL NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

What is National Junior Honor Society?

Established in 1929, the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is one of the nation's premier organizations established to recognize outstanding middle school level students. More than just an honor roll, NJHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Character, and Citizenship. Chapter membership not only recognizes students for their accomplishments, but challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service.

Who is eligible?

At Elm Street Middle School, in accordance with national standards set by the NJHS, students first qualify for an invitation through their demonstration of success in the area of scholarship. That means, students in 7th or 8th grade with a cumulative grade of 90% will receive an invitation to fill out an information sheet. Students will then fill out the information sheet to give examples of their accomplishments in the remaining areas of Leadership, Service, Character and Citizenship. Therefore, just because a student qualifies based on the academics, does not mean they will automatically be inducted into the NJHS.

Who chooses inductees into the NJHS?

After students fill out an information sheet and the required recommendations forms from their teachers and/or other adults, all their qualifications will be reviewed by our Faculty Council. The Faculty Council is an anonymous group of faculty members who make final decisions about who will be invited for the induction into the NJHS.

What does an exemplary NJHS candidate look like?

Scholarship: Students who have a 90% cumulative grade average meet the scholarship qualification for membership. These students are then eligible for consideration on the basis of service, leadership, character and citizenship.

Service: This quality is defined through voluntary contributions made by a students to the school or community, done without compensation and with a positive, courteous and enthusiastic spirit.

Leadership: Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, promoters of school activities, idea-contributors, dependable and persons who exemplify positive attitudes about life. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activities while working with or for others.

Character: The student of good character upholds principles of morality and ethics, is cooperative, demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability, shows courtesy, concern and respect for others, and generally maintains a good and clean lifestyle.

Citizenship: The student of good citizenship follows all the Nashua School District's Student Behaviors Standards (specifics of this policy at <http://Nashua.edu/Nashua/Media/PDF-files/Policies/JIC-Student-Behavior-Standards-3-09-15.pdf>), to ensure that a safe and orderly environment is maintained for everyone. These rules are in effect for all Nashua school students at any school function, school sponsored event, school bus stop or bus ride.