

How can I be part of the National Junior Honor Society?

You **will be invited to apply for membership in April of 7th or 8th grade** if you meet the criteria below:

The National Junior Honor Society is an organization that promotes recognition for students who reflect outstanding accomplishments in the areas of scholarship, character, leadership, citizenship, and service. NJHS is an extracurricular organization that supports the educational goals of the school and provides significant learning experiences, especially in the area of service. Thousands of schools are chartered each year and these chapters must adopt and follow the NJHS Constitution. The NJHS Constitution is the primary source for policy information regarding initial membership, dismissal of membership, maintaining membership, service hours and projects.

Step #1- GPA 3.5, Good Character and Involvement

Academic records and discipline reports are reviewed to determine those 7th and 8th grade students who are eligible for membership; i.e. those students who currently have **a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for first and second quarter of this school year**, have **fewer than three behavior infractions (office detentions)**, **and have been involved in at least one an extracurricular at Palos South in both sixth and seventh grade** are considered for membership. Once you become a member, you must maintain a GPA of 3.5 or higher and demonstrate appropriate behavior.

Step #2- Eligibility Packet

Students who have received a 3.5 GPA for the first and second quarters will be notified by the NJHS Advisors, Mrs. Schramm and Mrs. Helmin (approximately the second week in February). At this time, students will be given a packet containing the Student Information Activity Form and the NJHS Candidate Essay prompt. It is strongly recommended that they complete the packet and submit it to the NJHS advisors before the designated deadline. **Late packets will not be accepted.** The packet as well as the essay will provide information about each student's accomplishments in the areas of service, leadership, citizenship, and character. The information given by the candidate will be used to determine selection to this chapter of NJHS.

Step #3- Character Evaluation and Discipline Report

Any candidate who has **been reported cheating, suspended, or has received three office detentions this school year** will automatically be ineligible or dismissed from membership.

Step #4- Induction

Leadership, service, citizenship, and character play an important role in the NJHS; therefore each candidate will be reviewed carefully. Candidates meeting all of the above criteria will be eligible for induction into the Palos Middle School chapter.

Step #5- Service Hours

Seventh grade members must also complete 10 hours of service before the assigned due date. Eighth grade members are required to complete 25 service hours with the first three quarters of school. Failure to complete this obligation will result in dismissal from the organization.