



Central Middle School Chapter of NJHS Selection Procedure Description

The National Junior Honor Society chapter at Central Middle School is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of this prestigious national organization. Membership is open to those students who meet the required standards in five areas of evaluation: scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. Students are selected for membership by majority vote of a five-member principal-appointed faculty council, which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty of our school each spring.

Students in 7th grade are eligible for to be selected for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale for their first semester at Central Middle School. Each spring, those students who meet this criterion are invited to complete a Candidate Form that provides the faculty council with information regarding the candidate's leadership and service.

To evaluate a candidate's character, the faculty council uses two forms of input. First, school disciplinary records are reviewed. Second, members of the faculty are solicited for input regarding their professional reflections on a candidate's service activities, character, and leadership.

Any solicited faculty input and all Candidate Forms are carefully reviewed by the faculty council to determine membership. A majority vote of the council is necessary for selection. Candidates are notified regarding selection or nonselection according within three weeks of submitting the Candidate Form. This allows the faculty council time to collect faculty input and review all Candidate Forms.

Following notification, a formal induction ceremony is held at the school to recognize all the newly selected members. Once inducted, new members are required to maintain the same level of performance (or better) in all four criteria that led to their selection.

Selection Procedure Timeline

January: Semester grades are pulled to identify all current 7th graders with a 3.5 GPA or higher.

February: Eligible students are notified and provided the Candidate Form to complete and turn in.

March: Candidate Forms are due (specific date on Candidate Form) and are reviewed by Faculty Council.

April: All students who submitted Candidate Forms are notified of selection or nonselection, and are formally invited to attend an induction ceremony.

May: Current 8th grade members meet with newly inducted 7th grade members to review NJHS expectations and to help transition them into the society.