

The Saratoga chapter of the National Junior Honor Society was established in 2013. The first induction ceremony was held in the spring of 2014.

Our chapter members are required to do 10 hours of community service each year. In addition, we help out at our school and community. Each year, our chapter organizes a pajama day fundraiser to help raise money for kids in need at our school. We also help out in our community. In the past we have stocked a local food pantry, collected items for the homeless, and collected items for children to receive free hair cuts.

Chapter members are expected to maintain a high GPA, have outstanding character, be a role model citizen, and show leadership and service at school and in their community.

Members attend meetings at school when necessary.

National Junior Honor Society Selection Process

Membership in Saratoga's National Junior Honor Society is open to students who meet the requirements in the following five pillars: scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character. Standards for selection are established by the national office of NJHS and have been revised to meet our local chapter needs. Students are selected to be members by a Faculty Council. This group is appointed by the principal and consists of five staff members who are not the advisors of the chapter. The members of the Faculty Council shall remain anonymous per chapter bylaws.

Students at the end of the second trimester of seventh grade are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have earned a 4.15 GPA out of a 4.5 GPA, where accelerated classes are weighted. Students must be taking at least one Accelerated class (ELA or Math) to be eligible. The students who meet this GPA requirement are able to apply for NJHS by filling out a packet. Through this step, students are evaluated through the leadership, service, citizenship, and character pillars. Their completed packets, along with school disciplinary records, are used to determine these four areas.

A majority vote of the Council is necessary for selection. Candidates are notified regarding selection or non-selection within two weeks.

Following notification, a formal induction ceremony will be held to recognize all the newly selected members. Once inducted, new members are required to maintain the same level of performance, or better, in all five pillars that led to their selection. This obligation includes regular attendance at chapter meetings, participation in chapter service project(s), as well as ten hours of individual community service.