National Junior Honor Society

Member Selection Process
of the
New Bloomfield Chapter
of the
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The National Junior Honor Society chapter of New Bloomfield School District 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. The chapter adviser is also appointed by the principal and facilitates all selection procedures and chapter activities during the year.

Students in grades 7 and 8 are invited to apply to be members for the subsequent school year (their 8th and/or 9th grade years). Each year, those students who meet the following criteria are invited to complete a Candidate Form that provides the Faculty Council with information regarding the candidate's leadership and service:

- For the Scholarship criterion, a student must have all A's and B's, or a cumulative GPA of 3.33 or better on a 4.0 scale.
- For the Character and Citizenship criteria, a student may not have any disciplinary offenses in the current school year.

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. In addition to Scholarship and Character/Citizenship:

- For the Service criterion, a student must demonstrate commitment to serving our school and community through involvement in activities and philanthropic efforts.
- For the Leadership criterion, a student must demonstrate leadership experience within and/or outside of school.

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 non-selection according to a predetermined schedule. 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 criteria that led to their selection. This obligation includes regular attendance at chapter meetings held monthly during the school year, 10 service hours per semester, or 20 per year, and participation in the chapter service projects(s). Students or parents who have questions regarding the selection process or membership obligations can contact the chapter adviser or the New Bloomfield School District.

Should a student fall below the high standards required to be a member in good standing of the National Junior Honor Society, they will be evaluated according to national standards and the New Bloomfield Chapter's bylaws to determine a probationary period and/or consideration for dismissal.