OAK LAWN-HOMETOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL
School District 123

NJHS Meeting Dates 2026-2027

Current Members Only:
Tuesday, October 6th 7:30 AM

Petitioning Members Only:
Tuesday, November 10th 7:30 AM

Current & Petitioning:
Tuesday, December 1st 7:30 AM- Signed bylaws due for all
Tuesday, January 5th 7:30 AM
Tuesday, February 2nd 7:30 AM- Petitioning member portfolio due
Tuesday, March 9th 7:30 AM- Petitioning service hours due

Petitioning, induction speakers, President, VP, & Secretary Only:
Thursday, April 8th- Induction Practice 7:30 AM
Thursday, April 8th- Induction at 6PM

Current Members service hours are due by Friday, April 30th, 2027.

National Junior Honor Society By Laws

The Oak Lawn - Hometown Middle School chapter of the **National Junior Honor Society** is a prestigious organization that is available to our current 7th and 8th grade students. Students may petition to become active members of the chapter by meeting the qualifying standards which focus on the five pillars of NJHS: **scholarship**, **citizenship**, **leadership**, **character**, and **service**. Petitioning members must meet and maintain the criteria outlined below in order to be inducted into the organization at our ceremony later this school year.

ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership is an honor bestowed upon a student. Selection for membership is by OLHMS Faculty Sponsors and is based on outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, service, and citizenship. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities.

Section 2. Candidates become members when inducted at a special ceremony in April.

Section 3. A National Junior Honor Society member who transfers to another school and brings a letter from the former principal or chapter adviser to the new school adviser shall be accepted automatically as a member in the new school's chapter. Transfer members must meet the new chapter's standards within one trimester in order to retain membership.

Section 4. Members who resign or are dismissed are never again eligible for membership or its benefits until high school.

ARTICLE II: SELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 1. To be eligible for membership the candidate must be a seventh or eighth grade student at Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School.

Section 2. Candidates must have A's and B's. If a candidate has a C they must have an A to outweigh the C on their Trimester 1 report card or they are not eligible to petition. No D's or F's are allowed in any trimester. These high academic standards are upheld throughout all three trimesters. Candidates shall then be evaluated on the basis of service, leadership, character, and citizenship.

Section 3. The National Council and the NASSP shall not review the judgment of the OLHMS Faculty Sponsors regarding the selection of individual members to local chapters.

ARTICLE III: DISMISSAL

Section 1. The procedure of dismissal shall be determined by the OLHMS Faculty Council in compliance with the rules and regulations of the National Junior Honor Society. A written description of the dismissal procedure shall be available to interested parties.

Section 2. Current Members who fall below the standards which were the basis for their selection shall be promptly warned in writing one time by the OLHMS chapter adviser and given a reasonable amount of time to correct the deficiency, except that in the case of flagrant violation of school rules or civil laws. A member does not, necessarily, have to be warned. **Any school suspension** results in automatic dismissal of NJHS and no readmittance to NJHS.

*7th grade Petitioning Members: who fall below the standards which were the basis for their selection shall be promptly warned in writing one time by the OLHMS chapter adviser and given a reasonable amount of time to correct the deficiency, except that in the case of flagrant violation of school rules or civil laws. A member does not, necessarily, have to be warned. **Any school suspension** results in automatic dismissal of petitioning for NJHS. 7th graders will have the option to start the petitioning process over the next school year during 8th grade.

Section 3. Once one warning is issued by the OLHMS Faculty Sponsors for falling below standards for behavior or academics and if the scholar hasn't improved behavior or academics. This will result in dismissal from NJHS.

Section 4. In all cases of impending dismissal, a member shall have a right to written notification of charges.

Section 5. The National Council and the NASSP shall hear no appeals in dismissal cases.

ARTICLE IV: ACTIVITIES

Section 1. The chapter shall be involved in at least one group service project during the school year.

Section 2. Each member shall have the responsibility for choosing and participating in an individual service project(s) that reflects his or her particular talents and interests. This should consist of 15 hours of

service. All service needs to be recorded on Google Classroom form, hold all paper copies for your own records (Service can be accrued from June prior to beginning of current school year until the final meeting before our induction.) If service hours are not completed by the due date set: the student will be removed from the petitioning process.

- Examples of service: peer tutoring, leaf raking, iFest after school commitments, Food packing events, PTA events, Summer School classroom helper, or church volunteering. Please reach out to the sponsors if you have any questions on a particular event.
- Not service: being on a sports team, managing a sporting team, ambassadors, or anything you are being paid to complete.

Section 3. All members shall regularly participate in these projects.

Section 4. These projects shall have the following characteristics: fulfill a need within the school or community, have the support of the administration and the faculty, be appropriate and educationally defensible, and be well-planned, organized, and executed.

Section 5. Throughout the school year, members shall record the service on a digital verification sheet. Digital verification sheets must be turned in by the due date in March to the chapter adviser on Google Classroom.

Section 6. Completion of digital portfolio for petitioning members is mandatory and has firm deadlines. If the digital portfolio is not completed by the due date set: the student will be removed from the petitioning process.

Section 7. Attendance at NJHS meetings is mandatory. Scholars are allowed 1 excused absence for the whole school year. If a scholar exceeds 1 absence, a letter of warning will be sent to the scholar about removal. If a scholar fails to attend another meeting, they will be removed from NJHS.

If any requirement is not met by the deadline, the student will not be inducted.

Please take some time to review the criteria. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact: Ms. Jen DiSalvo (jdisalvo@d123.org), Mrs. Maggie Omiecinski (mmomiecinski@d123.org), and Mrs. Alyssa Zajack (azajack@d123.org)

Please sign and return the form below to any of the NJHS Sponsors by our next meeting on **Tuesday, December 1st.** Thank you!

Student Name _____ Student Signature _____

Grade Level _____ Advisory Teacher _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____
Parent Email_____
Parent Phone Number _____