



NJHS: Discovery Selection Procedure

The National Junior Honor Society chapter of Discovery Charter 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 semester.



Students in grades 7, 8, and 9 are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a cumulative grade of 85% or better, or a GPA of (3.0) for 9th grade in all core classes. Each semester, 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 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 four criteria that led to their selection. Counselors will send out additional information about the date of the induction ceremony soon.

Membership provides an outstanding means to prepare and shape students for their middle level and high school experiences. Selection is an honor, but it comes with obligations and responsibilities. Students who accept membership and are inducted into the chapter should be aware of the time and commitment involved with this honor. For example, there are monthly chapter meetings. Members also must participate in chapter service projects to benefit the school and community.



Chapter members will be asked to:

- Attend all chapter and relevant committee meetings
- Alert members to important events, activities, dates, and correspondence
- Welcome new members to the group
- Facilitate discussion and help members express ideas
- Present ideas and motions to the chapter at meetings
- Work closely with the chapter adviser on planning
- Participate in at least half of Honor Society-sponsored activities

Chapter members will be expected to:

- Collaborate with other chapter members to fulfill the goals set for the year
- Put chapter directions into action and carry a portion of the workload
- Research, discuss, recommend, act, evaluate, report, and communicate
- Use their talents for the good of the organization

Chapter members need to possess:

- A positive attitude about themselves and their own worth, as well as the worth of others and of authority figures
- A willingness to fulfill the obligations outlined
- Self-discipline, self-knowledge, and self-determination
- Organizational skills
- Enthusiasm, dedication, and commitment

The following list outlines obligations noted in the NJHS National Constitution:

- **Maintaining Standards**
 - Once selected, members are expected to maintain the standards by which they were selected.
- **Meetings**
 - Chapters hold monthly meetings and require members to attend. The schedule of these meetings will be well publicized. Occasionally a second meeting will be required for projects.
- **Chapter Service Project(s)**
 - All chapters are required to sponsor a chapter service project and all members are required to participate. The Discovery chapter sponsors at least two service projects each year, one per semester.
- **Dues**
 - Members are required to pay the \$15 dues within thirty days of induction. Waivers are available for students on free and reduced lunches.



Membership in **National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)** is one of the highest honors that can be awarded to a middle school student. Our chapter strives to give practical meaning to the Society's standards of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. These five ideals are considered as the basis for selection. No student is inducted simply because of a high academic average. The National Junior Honor Society strives to recognize the total student—one who excels in all of these areas.

The standards used for selection are:

- Scholarship: 85% cumulative average or a GPA of (3.0) for 9th grade
- Leadership, service, character, and citizenship: as demonstrated by activities and teacher evaluations

Membership, however, is more than an honor. It is an ongoing responsibility and an obligation to continue to demonstrate those outstanding qualities that result in a student's selection. Membership also carries a responsibility to the chapter. If our NJHS chapter is to be effective and meaningful, each member must become involved.

Chapter Obligations:

- Member dues of \$15 within 30 days of induction (Waivers are available for students on free and reduced lunches.)
- Attend at least two-thirds (2/3) chapter meetings
- Participation in at least half (1/2) of Chapter Projects