



National Junior Honor Society

Themer Middle School Chapter

Chapter Bylaws

Article I – Name and Purpose

Section 1: The name of this organization is the Themer Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS).

Section 2: The purpose of this organization is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, to develop character, and to encourage good citizenship for students.

Article II – Membership

Section 1: Membership is open to students in grade 8 (NJHS) who meet the chapter's standards for scholarship, leadership, service, character, and citizenship during their previous school year at Themer Middle School.

Section 2: A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or an 85% average) is required by national standards in 3 quarters consecutively.

Section 3: Selection is by a majority vote of the Faculty Council (Division specific) following a formal application and review process.

Section 4: Students who accept membership and are inducted into the chapter should be aware of the time and commitment involved with their membership. The chapter adviser should provide new members with a written copy of the chapter's membership obligations. These obligations may include chapter meetings, chapter service projects, and individual service requirements. Some chapters also charge dues to help cover chapter expenses—**dues cannot exceed \$20 per year.** Themer Middle School charges \$20 membership dues to cover chapter expenses.

Section 5: Once inducted, members must maintain high standards in all five NJHS pillars. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action or dismissal.

Article III – Selection of Members

Section 1: A report will be run by the principal (or other administrator with access to academic reports) to identify the eligible students.

Section 2: A Faculty Council (Division-specific teachers) along with the principal will evaluate candidates based on their eligibility, school records, and faculty input at a planned Division Meeting.

Section 3: Eligible students will be notified and invited to an induction ceremony. If they do not agree to uphold the pillars or wish not to participate, they will inform the principal and will not join the ceremony.

Section 4: Selection will be made annually in the spring.

Article IV – Responsibilities of Members

Section 1: Members are expected to maintain the standards of NJHS in scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship.

Section 2: Members must participate in chapter meetings, service projects, and other NJHS Activities.

Section 3: Each member must complete 20 service hours every school year (within or outside of school activities). It is preferred that these hours are evenly split with 10 hours of service in the fall semester (recorded and turned in using a provided tracking sheet,) and 10 hours of service in the spring semester (completed by the end of April, recorded, and turned in using a provided tracking sheet).

Section 4: Members should check their school email and their NJHS Google Classroom regularly (minimum of once a week) to check for messages and informational updates.

Section 5: Members who fall below these standards will receive a written warning and have a probationary period to improve.

Article V – Officers

Section 1: The chapter *may* elect officers annually (based on members' decision). Offices may include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian.

Section 2: Officer duties will be decided by each chapter as needed.

Section 3: Officers must maintain the same standards as general members and may be removed for failure to fulfill their duties.

Article VI – Meetings

Section 1: Meetings shall be held monthly during the school year or as scheduled by the chapter faculty adviser.

Section 2: Special meetings may be called by the adviser or officers as needed (communicated through the NJHS Google Classroom page).

Article VII – Activities

Section 1: The chapter shall sponsor at least one group service project per year.

Section 2: Each member shall also fulfill individual service obligations (within or outside of school activities).

Article VIII – Discipline and Dismissal

Section 1: Members who fall below the required standards may be placed on probation or dismissed by majority vote of the Faculty Council.

Section 2: Members have the right to a hearing before the Faculty Council prior to dismissal.

Section 3: A dismissed member may appeal the decision to the principal.

Article IX – Amendments

Section 1: These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the chapter membership, with approval from the Faculty Council and principal.

Section 2: Bylaws may not conflict with the NJHS and NHS National Constitution.