How to become a member of Narragansett’s chapter of the National Junior Honor Society

What is NJHS?

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) serves to honor those middle school students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of **Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Character, and Citizenship**. Being inducted into Narragansett’s chapter of NJHS not only recognizes students for their accomplishments, but challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service.

What are the requirements?

Members of the NJHS must demonstrate mastery of the 5 Pillars:

- **Scholarship**
  Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 90 or higher for the current academic year.

- **Service**
  Students must complete a minimum of 12 hours of approved community service. (Service hours are valid from July 2020 through March 2021.)

- **Leadership**
  Students must demonstrate that they are leaders who are resourceful, good problem solvers, and idea contributors. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activities while working with or for others.

- **Character**
  Students must demonstrate that they have reputable character - they are cooperative; demonstrate high standards of honesty and reliability; show courtesy, concern, and respect for others; and generally maintain a clean disciplinary record.

- **Citizenship**
  Students must demonstrate citizenship - they understand the importance of civic engagement, respect school rules and local/state laws for all citizens and demonstrate mature participation and responsibility in activities such as scouting, community organizations, or school clubs.
**What should I do if I am interested in applying for membership to NJHS?**

**STEP 1** - Join the NJHS Google Classroom Page and review the application pages. *Mrs. Mezzanotte will share the NJHS Google Classroom page access code with all 7th and 8th grade students. The GC page is for students only.*

**STEP 2** - Maintain a strong academic record

**STEP 3** - Create a plan for how you will complete your 12 community service hours

**STEP 4** - Get involved in your school and community*

**STEP 5** - Complete and submit your application pages by March 30th, 2021 on the NJHS Google Classroom page.

*We understand that some activities, clubs and sports may not run this year due to COVID-19 but encourage students to participate in what they can do safely.*

**Community service ideas**

Community service opportunities will be advertised on the daily announcements and emailed directly to students as they become available throughout the year. You can also pursue your own community service opportunities. If you are unsure whether or not an activity is valid, please contact Mrs. Mezzanotte.

Below is just a small sample of service ideas:

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**Volunteer Safety Tips for Covid 19 and Always**

**Community Service Documentation**

Applicants must obtain either a signature or a letter/email from the person supervising the service in order for the service to count. The supervising adult cannot be a parent/guardian. Students can view the NJHS Google Classroom page for more information.

*Please contact Mrs. Mezzanotte with any questions. smezzanotte@nssk12.org*