

Mulvane Middle School National Junior Honor Society Handbook

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**Why do you want to join NJHS? Being a member of NJHS shows that you are a self-motivated and hardworking student who considers the needs of others and dedicates themselves to the pursuit of excellence in education.*

Purpose

1. To create enthusiasm for scholarship
2. To stimulate a desire to serve
3. To promote leadership
4. To encourage responsible citizenship
5. To develop character



Requirements

- Keep a cumulative GPA of a 3.5 or better
- In Good Standing at MMS (good attendance, no office referrals, suspensions, etc.)- *Teacher evaluations will be a big part of this process*
- Complete an initial application and all essays by due dates
- *If you were an NJHS Member in 7th grade and are in good standing, you are automatically a member as an 8th grader (pending you continue to uphold the values and maintain the requirements). You will be contacted if you are not in good standing.*

*****If at any time you are not in good standing with any of our NJHS pillars, you will be notified and placed on a warning. If it doesn't improve within the stated timeline, you will be dismissed from our NJHS chapter at MMS. You can only receive ONE warning per school year.*****

Evaluations

1. Fill out candidate form and turn in by due date ***(no late applications will be accepted)***
2. Initial Essay (can take home)--return by due date ***(no late essays will be accepted)***

3. Teacher Evaluations (filled out by previous & current semester core teachers)
4. Final Essay (to be completed at MMS; no rough drafts or notes will be permitted)-there will not be a makeup date; you must be present on this day! *(I can make exceptions due to illness, but you MUST email me ahead of time or on the day of the final essay for my consideration.)*

*All candidates will be assigned a number for their final essay (so it is anonymous) and this is how the NJHS Faculty Council will grade it.

★ **Only the top candidates** will receive letters of acceptance into NJHS. Those who do not qualify are encouraged to apply next year, whether that be in 8th grade or in high school for NHS.

Induction Ceremony Date

Both current and new members that received a letter of acceptance will need to be at the Induction Ceremony (this will take place at MMS in October). More information will be sent home about the ceremony closer to the date.

Meetings

We will meet once a month during the school year. Dates are set in advance and will always take place during Advisement on a Thursday each month. Meetings are mandatory. If you know you will be absent you need to notify me ahead of time by email. If you forget, the first time there will be a verbal warning, the next time you will be on an official warning (receive a letter). If it happens a third time, you will be dismissed from our MMS Chapter of NJHS. All meeting minutes will be placed in the NJHS Google Classroom, so it is important to bring your Chromebooks to each meeting.

NJHS Service Projects/Opportunities

We will complete 2 service projects a year together as a group. Students are expected to volunteer with various parts of the project. We will also have opportunities throughout the school year to help at MMS with concession stands, 5th grade tours, etc.

Volunteer Hours (NEW POLICY)

NJHS members are expected to complete at least 12 hours of volunteer service within the timeframe of September through May of the current school year. All volunteer hours must be recorded on a Google Form (found in the NJHS Google Classroom). If the service hours are not NJHS related, you will need to fill out a separate form (copies can be found outside of my classroom), signed by the sponsor and turned in to me within 2 weeks of the completion date. There will be opportunities to earn volunteer hours through NJHS throughout the year, but you will need to seek other opportunities in order to satisfy the 12 hour requirement. If you are volunteering for another club or organization here at MMS (i.e. Stuco, Sevenettes, RAD, etc.) you can **NOT** count more than 3 hours toward your hours of service for NJHS. You may also not count babysitting your siblings as service hours. You may use babysitting for other people or organizations, but remember that you cannot be paid if you are using those hours toward your NJHS requirement. Your parents may not sign off for your volunteer hours, unless you have spoken with me prior to the activity and it has been approved. Any hours not completed by the deadline from the current year would mean that you are not in good standing with NJHS, in which case you would have the option of reapplying the next year (as an 8th grader or in high school).

NJHS Google Classroom

This is our main form of communication. Announcements, volunteer sign ups, attendance, meeting agendas, meeting dates, etc. will be communicated through our Google Classroom. It is important that you check this periodically between meetings for important information and updates. I also list outside volunteer opportunities here throughout the year as I receive information, as well as volunteer opportunities at MMS.

Questions

If you have any questions, please email me at hparrott@usd263.org.