

NJHS Selection Process

The National Junior Honor Society chapter of Newcomb Middle 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.

Students in grades 7 & 8 are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale. 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.

Students in the NJHS are expected to participate in at least 10 hours of documented community service within the school year.

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 nonselection 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 in all four criteria that led to their selection.

Timelines:

Students who have met the GPA requirement of 3.0 have been given an invitation to complete a Candidate Form (this was done on Jan. 13th).

Students have until Jan. 29th to complete the Candidate Form, along with submitting the Teacher Recommendation Forms as well as the required Essay piece.

Teachers have until Jan. 23rd to complete the Faculty Input Form.

Letters regarding selection/nonselection will be handed out no later than Feb. 5th.

Invitations for the Induction Ceremony will be sent to candidates and their families no later than Feb. 6th.

The Induction Ceremony will be held at Newcomb Middle School on Feb. 19th from 5:00-6:30pm.