

NJHS Selection Process Description

The National Junior Honor Society chapter of St. John Regional Catholic 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 four areas of evaluation: scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Standards for selection are established by the national office of NHS and have been revised to meet our local chapter needs. Students are selected for membership by a 5-member Faculty Council, appointed by the principal, which bestows this honor upon qualified 7th Grade Students on behalf of the faculty of our school each May.

Students in 7th Grade are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a cumulative average of 93 when grades for major subjects from 6th and 7th grade are averaged. 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. A history of leadership experiences and participation in school or community service is also required. Forms are distributed with a return deadline indicated. Applications received after 2:30 on the due date will not be accepted. This rule will be strictly enforced.

To evaluate a candidate's character, the Faculty Council uses school disciplinary records. The 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.

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 five criteria that led to their selection. This obligation includes regular attendance at chapter meetings held biweekly during the school year, and participation in the chapter service projects(s). Students or parents who have questions regarding the selection process or membership obligations can contact the chapter adviser/advisers.