Awards

National Junior Honor Society – Grades 7-8

Membership in the National Junior Honor Society is an honor bestowed on a student by a faculty council and is based on outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, service, and citizenship. The following will ensure that there are consistent criteria for induction into any National Junior Honor Society in Prince William County Public Schools.

Criteria and Procedures

1. Selection procedures are to be published yearly in appropriate school publications to ensure that all students are aware of the criteria and selection procedures for the National Junior Honor Society.

2. The student must have earned a cumulative seventh or eighth grade grade-point average of 3.5 (non-rounded) at the end of the third nine-week grading period of the school year and must have been in attendance at the school the equivalent of one semester. Grades received in the sixth grade are not to be included in the cumulative GPA. In extenuating circumstances, the semester rule may be waived by the faculty council.

3. The student must receive an overall faculty rating average of 3.0 (non-rounded) on character, leadership, service, and citizenship based on a four-point scale.

4. Teachers will rate the student using the criteria on the attached rating form (see attachment A) and forward the evaluation directly to the faculty council.

5. After the faculty council has made its decisions and prior to publication, the list of those recommended for induction and those not recommended for induction will be forwarded to the building principal for his/her final approval. Upon final approval by the principal, students selected for membership and those not selected for membership will be notified in writing.
6. Students recommended and approved for induction into the National Junior Honor Society will be inducted in the spring of each year. Regardless of when the student is selected, he/she is expected to fulfill all obligations related to membership in the National Junior Honor Society. A student who does not fulfill such obligations may be removed from membership in accordance with National Junior Honor Society rules and regulations.

The principal and appropriate area associate superintendent are responsible for the implementation and monitoring of this regulation.
National Junior Honor Society
Faculty Rating Form

Name of Student: ____________________________________________________________

Name of Faculty Member: ___________________________________________________

Class Currently or Previously Taught to Student: _______________________________

Please rate the indicated student in each of the following categories according to the indicated criteria. Return this rating form directly to the sponsor of the National Junior Honor Society.

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Character: The combination of qualities that distinguish one person from another -- the combined moral and ethical structure of a person -- integrity -- fortitude -- reputation. Note: All judgments related to character should be free from hearsay or rumor.

- Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously.
- Upholds principles of morality and ethics.
- Complies with school regulations.
- Demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability.
- Shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others.
- Demonstrates truthfulness.

Leadership: The capacity or ability to lead. This criterion can be interpreted in terms of the number of offices a student has held in school or community organizations or their ability to hold such offices. Leadership roles in both the school and community may be considered. At the option of the selection committee, students may be required to document offices held.

- Demonstrates initiative.
- Delegates responsibilities.
• Is thoroughly dependable.
• Successfully holds offices or positions of responsibility.
• Demonstrates academic initiative.
• Inspires positive behavior in others.

Service:  *Contributions the student has made to the school, classmates, or community.*
At the option of the selection committee, students may be required to document contributions made to the school, classmates, or community.

• Participates in constructive outside activities.
• Upholds scholarship and maintains a positive school attitude.
• Works well with others and demonstrates responsibility.
• Does committee work without complaint.
• Cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school.
• Shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers, and students.

Citizenship:  *The status of being a citizen - the quality of an individual's response to membership in a community.*

• Understands the importance of civic involvement.
• Has a high regard for freedom, justice, and respect of the American form of government.
• Demonstrates mature participation and responsibility through involvement with such activities as scouting, community organizations, and school clubs.

**IMPORTANT:** For a student to be admitted to the National Junior Honor Society, he/she must receive an overall average rating of a 3.0 or above from all teachers submitting the recommendation forms.