

## HOW TO QUALIFY FOR NJHS

Students are selected for membership through chapters established at schools that have active affiliation with the NJHS national office.

The NJHS chapter adviser is the faculty member assigned by the school principal to manage the NJHS chapter. At EHMS it is Abigail McDonald

Members are selected by teachers. Along with the NJHS adviser, the teachers select students based on the criteria below. The selection process concludes with induction into the school's National Junior Honor Society chapter.

### Eligibility

All students interested in membership must be enrolled at a school with an active NJHS chapter and must have completed the equivalent of one semester of enrollment.

Chapters may consider students in grades 6–8 for membership.

Sixth graders must be in their second semester of sixth grade for consideration.

### Pillars of Membership

- **Scholarship**

Students must first meet this criterion to become candidates for membership. NJHS national policy requires that each chapter set a cumulative GPA as their Scholarship criteria.

For EHMS, the cumulative GPA must be a 3.5 or higher.

- **Service**

This involves voluntary contributions made by a student and done without compensation. THE EHMS NJHS Chapter requires evidence of 2 hours of community service and two hours of school service. Ample opportunities will be provided for both.

- **Leadership**

Student leaders are those 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**

The student of good character is cooperative; demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability; shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others. A

chapter's faculty council may review or consider disciplinary records when evaluating this criterion.

- **Citizenship**

In general, the student who demonstrates citizenship understands the importance of civic engagement; has a high regard for freedom and justice; and respects democracy. Each chapter sets its own requirements for this criterion.

## Understanding the Obligations of Membership

Students who accept membership and are inducted into the chapter should be aware of the time and commitment involved with their membership. These obligations include chapter meetings, chapter service projects and individual service requirements. The EHMS NJHS chapter also charges \$20 in dues to help cover chapter expenses.