



National Junior Honor Society Application Packet

Thank you for your interest in membership to the Derby Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. Students are selected for membership based on their scholarship, leadership, citizenship, service and character.

Please read the page that describes the National Junior Honor Society and discusses the commitment required for membership. If you are interested in becoming a member, you will need to complete the application and submit 2 teacher recommendations. Once all applications and recommendations are submitted the Faculty Council will select the students who will be asked to join the DMS chapter of the NJHS. Please note that completion of the NJHS application does not guarantee membership. It is just one of the required steps to be considered for acceptance and membership.

Attached is the required information sheet, which must be submitted on or before XXX. Please return the completed application and teacher recommendations to Mr. Nuzzo in Room C1 or Mr. Nutter in Room C7. Your information sheet and both recommendations must be turned in and complete with all signatures by the specified date or your application will not be considered for induction into the NJHS.

All applicants who meet the requirements for membership will be delivered a formal invitation by XXX. The induction ceremony date will be included in the formal invitation. If you have any questions or comments about this process please feel free to contact Mr. Nuzzo at dnuzzo@derbyps.org or Mr. Nutter at bnutter@derbyps.org

Again, thank you for your interest in applying for NJHS! We encourage you to discuss this nomination with your parents and apply by XXX.

Sincerely,
Mr. David Nuzzo and Mr. Brian Nutter
NJHS Chapter Advisors
Derby Middle School

Obligations of Membership

Membership in the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is an honor; in fact, to prove worthy of the honor, members of this national society must meet the following obligations:

1. Service: All members must participate and promote the NJHS Group Service Projects. We will have at least one group project each year. All members independently complete an additional 6 hours of service per semester or twelve hours each year. This service may be completed for a church group, a scout group, a community volunteer effort, and/or opportunities offered at Derby Middle School.
2. Scholarship: As an Honor Society, we have high expectations for academic performance. NJHS members must have and maintain an 85% average or higher in **all** classes, including unified arts courses
3. Leadership: Members of NJHS must act as student leaders, providing a positive role model for other Derby Middle School students.
4. Citizenship: All members must comply with school rules. Office referrals, detentions, and/or suspension for behavior issues are not acceptable for members of NJHS.
5. Character: Members of NJHS strive to develop the following character traits: responsibility, respect, patience, courage, caring, integrity, self-control, cooperation, and perspective.

Further Obligations:

1. All NJHS members are required to attend monthly meetings.
2. All members are required to pay yearly dues of **\$20.00**.

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY STUDENT INFORMATION FORM Derby Middle School

Thank you for your interest in the Derby Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. **Please carefully read and complete the following “Student Information Form” and return it to**

Mr. Nuzzo or Mr. Nutcher, NJHS Advisors, by XXX, 2021 if you desire to apply for membership in the National Junior Honor Society. Please make sure that your application is submitted in a timely manner as there will be no extensions granted. Make certain you share this information with your parent(s)/guardian(s).

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) elevates a school's commitment to the values of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. These five pillars have been associated with membership in the organization since its inception in 1929. Today, it is estimated that more than one million students participate in NJHS activities. NJHS chapters are found in all 50 states, US Territories, and around the world. Chapter membership not only recognizes students for their accomplishments, but challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service.

As such, NJHS chapters and students are in schools that care not only about student achievement, but also community engagement.

NJHS students and their peers volunteer in their communities at the highest rates and make connecting with and serving within the community a priority.

The NJHS's National Council governs the rules of the local chapter. Derby Middle School's principal shall reserve the right to approve all activities and decisions of the local chapter and shall receive all appeals in cases of non-selection of candidates, disciplining of students, and dismissing of students. Furthermore, the principal appoints a five voting member Faculty Council and 2 non-voting members, the chapter advisors. These faculty members oversee all of the details of the local chapter, including selection for membership.

Membership in the Derby Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society is an honor bestowed upon a student. Selection for membership takes place in late spring and is based on outstanding scholarship, citizenship, character, leadership, and service. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities.

Students may apply, or reapply, for admission into the Derby Middle School chapter of the NJHS if they meet the following criteria:

1. be matriculated at Derby Middle School for at least one semester;
2. be in 7th or 8th grade;
3. have earned First Honors each marking period in Grade 6 and Grade 7 and, if

- applicable, Grade 8, and have maintained a grade average of at least 85% in all classes;
4. have consistently exhibited positive behavior while at DMS. The DMS Faculty Council recognizes that disciplinary mistakes can be made and, therefore, students with a past behavior record **should** apply if they meet the other qualifications. Students with behavioral concerns may be asked to meet with the Faculty Council to elaborate on how they have corrected their behavior and have grown as individuals.
 5. have demonstrated excellence in service, leadership, citizenship, and character both in DMS and their greater community.

Once accepted, in order to maintain membership in the Derby Middle School National Junior Honor Society members must:

1. agree to maintain a grade average of 85% or higher for the remainder of their tenure at DMS;
2. must not receive any office referrals for the remainder of their tenure at DMS;
3. must continue to demonstrate excellence in service, leadership and character for the rest of their tenure at DMS;
4. regularly participate in chapter service projects during the rest of their time at DMS.