
National Junior Honor Society
Maple Place Middle School
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Oceanport, NJ 07757

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The National Junior Honor Society chapter of Maple Place 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 a 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 each spring.

Students in grades seven and eight are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a **cumulative GPA of 92% or better** in their mathematics, social studies, science, literature, and language arts classes. After the completion of the second marking period, those students who meet this criterion are invited to complete an application that provides the faculty council with information regarding the candidate's leadership, character, citizenship, and service.

Students who meet the academic criteria will be invited to a **mandatory meeting** where they will learn about the application process. **All students must be accompanied by a parent.** At the end of the meeting, the student may decide if he or she would like to complete an application. Students do not have to attend the meeting if they know they are not interested in applying.

Students' applications will be evaluated by the faculty council in the areas of scholarship, leadership, character, citizenship, and service. Applicants must be active participants in **at least two activities (clubs, sports, etc.) at Maple Place School.** Applicants must also demonstrate that they have participated in community service projects during the school year of application. Students must provide documentation to show that they have completed **at least ten hours** of community service with an established organization (i.e; school clubs, religious groups, Scouts, camps, etc). Those ten hours must be completed on a minimum of **at least two separate service projects.** All hours are subject to review by the faculty council. There is a document that delineates exactly what community service is (and is not), as well as a list of approved organizations to complete community service with on the Maple Place NJHS website.

An applicant must also demonstrate good character, citizenship, and leadership qualities. Any behavioral infractions will be considered on a case by case basis by the

faculty council. The Maple Place faculty will also be asked to evaluate each applicant's citizenship and leadership qualities based on the following criteria:

Leadership:

- Willingly takes a constructive lead in the classroom and/or during school activities.
- Accepts responsibilities and demonstrates the ability to carry out those responsibilities in a timely and professional manner.
- Contributes ideas which promote improvement of the school and is willing to act upon those ideas.
- Exercises positive influence on peers in upholding school ideals.

Citizenship:

- Demonstrates honesty in and out of school and complies with school regulations and the laws of society.
- Consistently shows desirable qualities of character such as respect, manners, responsibility, trustworthiness, fairness, caring, reliability, courteousness, friendliness, self-control, and self-confidence.
- Shows a positive attitude and behavior in the halls, specials, lunchroom, library, and classroom.
- Is punctual in meeting his/her responsibilities to school, teachers, and peers.

Members of the faculty council are solicited for input regarding their professional reflections on a candidate's service activities, character, citizenship, and leadership. All applications 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 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 (or better) in all four criteria that led to their selection.

Please note that we are obligated to uphold the expectations established by the national organization. The guidelines set forth above must be strictly followed to be considered for membership in the National Junior Honor Society.

Sincerely,

Patricia Reginio
Advisor