

## **NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

### **GRADE POINT AVERAGE "GPA"**

Students in seventh grade must have a "Solid" GPA of 92 (not subject to "rounding") or above in each of the three consecutive quarters, Q1 seventh grade, Q2 seventh grade, and Q3 seventh grade. All graded courses count (except PE) for the average. There is no weighting of accelerated courses.

Students in eighth grade must have a "Solid" GPA of 92 (not subject to "rounding") or above in each of the three consecutive quarters, Q3 seventh grade, Q4 seventh grade and Q1 eighth grade

Students may not receive less than an 85 in each of the four core subjects (math, science, English, social studies) and World Language (Spanish, French, Italian, German) in any of the three consecutive quarters.

Students may not receive a failing grade in any subject in any of the three consecutive quarters.

### **SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS**

While nearly every GCMS special education student undertakes the standard NYS curriculum and fully qualifies for NJHS membership, in the exceptional instances when the standard curriculum is not taught, the student may not qualify for admission to the NJHS

These exceptional cases will be reviewed by the NJHS Faculty Advisory Committee and Special Education Coordinator in accord with NJHS requirements

### **SUSPENSION**

Students who have been suspended may not be admitted to the NJHS

Membership will be revoked from students who have been suspended in or out of school while in the NJHS

### **DETENTION**

Students who have received three or more detentions during the three consecutive quarters will not be admitted to the NJHS

Membership will be revoked from students who receive three or more detentions during their membership.

## **CHARACTER**

Students caught cheating in the year of admittance will not be admitted to the NJHS

Membership will be revoked from students caught cheating

Students must be respectful to teachers, administrators and students

Significant teacher concerns regarding a student's character will be taken into consideration by the committee

All input on a student's character must be documented and forwarded to the committee for review.

## **SCHOOL ACTIVITY**

Applicants must participate in one (1) school related activity. This activity does not have to be a sport.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Three (3) hours of community service activity is required.

Community service may be accomplished through a school affiliated club. Examples of clubs are Key Club, Student Council, Environmental Club, SADD, and the Anti-Bias Club.

If students choose this option, in order to meet the community service requirement, students must be actively involved in one of the above school activities. This means they must attend three or more meetings.

Students may also meet their requirement by volunteering at a school event.

Paid activities are not acceptable – ex. babysitting, tutoring, etc.

Students may also complete their community service requirement through a legitimate charitable organization, for example, American Cancer Society, Ronald McDonald House, etc.

Forms will be distributed to students to be filled out by the advisor of each club offering community service opportunities. Students must write a paragraph explaining what they did and what it meant to them.

Verification forms will be distributed to student applicants. The forms will require a contact phone number and a signature from a representative of the charitable organization. Students will also be required to write a brief essay to be submitted with their application. This essay must describe what charitable activity they completed, and what it meant to them and their community.

If any part of the application is missing, it will be returned to the student for completion and submission prior to the stated application deadline.

### **TEACHER RECOMMENDATION**

Teacher recommendation forms will be distributed to the teachers of each applicant. They are to be filled out and returned to the committee. Every single one of the child's teachers will receive this recommendation sheet for review.

The contents of teacher recommendations will not be shared with parents and students.

\*\*\*Applications must be on time. Late applications will not be accepted. Responsibility is important for each applicant.