

St. Patrick Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society Selection Process

The following details the selection process for the St. Patrick Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society and adheres to the criteria and procedures set forth in the Constitution and Handbook of the National Junior Honor Society and the bylaws of the St. Patrick Chapter. The Faculty Council consists of five faculty members appointed annually by the principal and work on behalf of the faculty of the school.

Students do not apply for membership in the National Junior Honor Society. Instead they provide information in the format of a Student Activity Information Form and an essay which are then used by the school's Faculty Council to support their candidacy for membership. Membership is granted to those students selected by the Faculty Council in each school and is based on demonstrated scholarship, character, service, leadership, and citizenship.

As stated in the Chapter bylaws, the purpose of this organization shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate desire to render service, to promote leadership, to develop character, and to encourage citizenship. Students in the 7th and 8th grades are considered for membership.

The selection process occurs in April at the beginning of the fourth quarter. The induction ceremony for new members is held in the church after a school mass.

Below are the steps in determining selection to the St. Patrick Chapter:

1. Students' academic records are reviewed to determine academic eligibility. Candidates must have a cumulative average of 94% (rounded) or higher, as determined by the previous three consecutive grading quarters. The process for calculating the average is found below.
2. Students who are academically eligible for consideration will receive a Candidate Information Packet which contains additional information, the necessary forms, and the essay topic.
3. The Candidate Information Packet also contains the deadlines for the Student Activity Information Form and the essay. Failure to complete the requirements and to meet the published deadlines will result in elimination from the selection process.
4. Administration and faculty members who teach 7th and 8th grade core classes fill out an evaluation form in which candidates are rated on the qualities of leadership, service, character, and citizenship.

5. The Faculty Council meets to vote according to the NJHS Constitution and works on behalf of the entire faculty. The supporting documentation (Student Activity Information Form, the student essay, the Faculty Evaluation Form) is carefully reviewed by the Faculty Council to verify that it supports the student's membership in the NJHS. With the vote on each candidate, those candidates receiving a majority vote will be invited to be inducted into NJHS.
6. Students who complete the process will receive a letter of selection or a letter of non-selection. If a student is not selected, the letter of non-selection will detail areas for growth as indicated by the supporting documentation offered by the student and faculty.
7. Members of the NJHS are required to uphold the standards that formed the basis for their selection.

Method for Calculating Grade Average:

Each subject is used in calculating the cumulative grade average. Each quarter average from the student's current grade level report card is multiplied by the number of times a particular class meets each week. Each 45-50 minute period is counted as one class. P.E. and all electives are calculated as one class period each. The average is calculated by dividing the sum of the total number of classes. An average of at least 94% (rounded) qualifies a student to be eligible for consideration in the NJHS selection process.

The following subject areas and corresponding number of days are used in the calculation:

Religion	4
English	3
Math	5
Science	5
History	5
Literature	5
Spanish	3
Computer	2
P.E.	1
Elective 1	1
Elective 2	1