

# NJHS

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## What is NJHS?

National Junior Honor Society or NJHS is a worldwide organization that consists of chapters in middle grades (grades 7-8). Selection is based on five criteria: citizenship, service, leadership, scholarship and character.

Members must maintain a high grade point average, a 3.50 for the first two consecutive quarters and beyond.

They must also become good citizens (by participating in service projects). The NJHS requires some sort of school service to the community, school, or other organizations. The projects help students meet the required service hour total monthly. The National Junior Honor Society was founded in 1929 by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) in the hopes of creating an organization that would recognize and encourage academic achievement while also developing other characteristics essential to citizens in a democracy. The ideals of scholarship, character, service, and citizenship remain as relevant today as they were in 1929.

**N**ational  
**J**unior  
**H**onor  
**S**ociety



## Motto--Colors--Flower:

Motto: Light is the Symbol of Truth!

Colors: blue (royal) and white

Flower: the white rose

## Emblem:

"The emblem of this society is the flaming torch. To bear forward the searching light of truth to lead that others may follow in light, to keep burning in our school a high ambition for the enduring value and to serve--these purposes are symbolized in the torch."

## NJHS is more than just an Honor Roll:



The National Junior Honor Society establishes rules for membership that are based on the students outstanding performance in the areas of scholarship (3.5 grade point average), service, leadership, character, and citizenship.

**Leadership:** Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, promoters of school activities, idea-contributors, dependable, and persons who exemplify positive attitudes about life. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activities while working with or for others.

**Service:** This quality is defined through the voluntary contributions made by a student to the school or community, done without compensation and with a positive, courteous, and enthusiastic spirit.

**Character:** The student of good character upholds principles of morality and ethics, is cooperative, demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability, shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others, and generally maintains a good and clean lifestyle.

**Citizenship:** The student who demonstrates citizenship understands the importance of civic involvement, has a high regard for freedom, justice, and democracy, and demonstrates mature participation and responsibility through involvement with such activities as scouting, community organizations, and school clubs.

## Membership

Membership in the National Junior Honor Society is one of the highest honors that can be awarded to a WMDS school student. The NJHS has worked hard to bring the accomplishments of outstanding students to the attention of parents, teachers, peers, and community. Chapters in more than 5,000 middle level schools across the nation strive to give practical meaning to the Society's goals of scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character. These five ideals were considered as the basis for selection. No student is inducted simply because of a high academic average. The National Junior Honor Society strives to recognize the total student: one who excels in all those areas.

## Service Projects and Hours:

Our WMDS NJHS Chapter is actively involved with service projects in our community and world.

This year our goal is to accomplish six service hours--3 per semester.

Please listen to announcements and look for fliers around school.

\*Care Packages for Our Military

\*Toys for Tots--Christmas Drive

\*Cans of Caring – Annual food drive

\*Convoy of Hope--service field trip to Springfield to volunteer.

\*Egg-cellent friend Fundraiser for Waynesville Animal Shelter

## Annual Award Ceremony:

Induction into the NJHS ceremony is held in April. Those students meeting the requirements for induction will be honored and recognized.

## Annual EOY Trip:

The Zone in Rolla. This is subject to change.