

**National Junior Honor Society  
St. Joseph Cupertino Chapter  
St. Stanislaus School**

**NJHS Requirements for Membership**

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The National Junior Honor Society is a national organization established to recognize outstanding middle level students. More than just an honor roll, NJHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the St. Joseph Cupertino Chapter of NJHS at St. Stanislaus School since its inception in 2001.

Middle School students who meet the eligibility requirements will be invited to learn more about becoming a member of NJHS. Students who are eligible to apply will attend a meeting where the eligibility requirements, membership responsibilities, and application process will be explained.

**Eligibility Requirements**

Students who meet the NJHS eligibility requirements will be invited to apply for membership. The following criteria, based on the five pillars of NJHS, are required:

- **Scholarship** Upon review of three marking periods, at a minimum, students must have:
  1. earned a cumulative grade average of 87 in their academic classes and general conduct. Academic classes are: English, Math, Religion, Science, Social Studies, and Spanish.
  2. earned a cumulative grade average of 83 in their special classes. Special classes are: Art, Computers, Library, Music, Physical Education.
  3. in Effort: earned a 1 or 2 in all classes
  4. in Conduct: earned an O or S in all classes (No N or U.) General Conduct grade must be a B or higher.
- **Service** Service involves voluntary contributions made by a student to the school or community, done with a positive attitude and without compensation.
- **Leadership** Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem-solvers, and idea contributors. NJHS members serve as role models to peers and younger students at all times by modeling positive leadership and interactions with others, including faculty and staff. Leadership experience can be drawn from school or community activities while working with or for others.
- **Character** The student of good character is cooperative, demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability; shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others; demonstrates a positive attitude in and out of the classroom; and has an upstanding disciplinary record.
- **Citizenship** The student who demonstrates citizenship understand the importance of civic engagement; has a high regard for freedom and justice; respects democracy; respects the rules

at school and the laws for all people at the local, state, and federal levels; and demonstrates mature participation and responsibility in activities such as scouting, community organizations, and school clubs and activities.

Students who meet the scholarship requirement will have an opportunity to complete a form detailing their accomplishments in and commitment to service, leadership, character, and citizenship.

### **Understanding the Ongoing Obligations of Membership**

Students who accept membership and are inducted into the St. Joseph Cupertino Chapter of NJHS should be aware of the time and commitment involved with this honor. For example, there will be required Chapter Meetings, service and activities. You will be required to maintain the same criteria which made you eligible for membership. Not meeting these criteria will result in probation for one semester or removal from NJHS.

**Application Process** After attending the Informational Meeting, you may receive an NJHS Membership Application upon your request. You will fill out the form diligently, completely, and honestly and gather evidence of your eligibility. You do not need to provide evidence of Scholarship, since we already have your grades. In the other four areas – Service, Leadership, Character, and Citizenship – you must provide documentation that you meet the high standards required. Documentation may be in the form of signed service records, signed letters of reference, awards, etc. Letters of Reference may not come from members of the NJHS Faculty Committee. Please note that late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. If you have any questions about the application process, please see Mrs. Bannister.

**Family Support** It is vital that both you and your parent(s) fully understand the commitment you make upon induction to NJHS. You will continue to be held to the same high standards in Scholarship, Service, Leadership, Character, and Citizenship, as well as meeting the ongoing requirements of meetings, service and activities.

