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Port Jefferson Middle School Chapter of National Junior Honor Society

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is an organization that was created to recognize and encourage academic achievement while emphasizing the importance of character, service, citizenship and excellence among the student body. To be considered a candidate for the NJHS, students must first meet a certain level of academic performance, as well as, demonstrate outstanding performance in the five domains of scholarship, service, leadership, character and citizenship.

Scholarship: Eighth grade students who are asked to apply to the National Junior Honor Society need to have a grade point average of 92 in core classes by the end of seventh grade.

Service: This quality is defined by the consistent, voluntary contributions made without compensation by a student to the school or community in 6th, 7th and 8th grade and completed with a positive, courteous and enthusiastic spirit.

Leadership: A leader is someone who, whether by words or example, raises the level of performance of those around him or her. Student leaders are those who are resourceful, are good problem solvers, promote school activities, contribute ideas, are dependable, and those who exemplify a positive attitude. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activities.

Character: A 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, generally maintains a virtuous lifestyle.

Citizenship: Best defined as a concept of participation based on attitudes of the student regarding freedom, justice, patriotism and respect for fellow human beings.

Selection Process: After the student meets the scholarship component for the PJMS NJHS, he/she is given an application. In order to meet the remaining four criteria of service, leadership, citizenship, and character, students will be asked to complete an application packet. Each application packet **MUST** include the following items:

- A completed student activity form
- A completed student-written essay
- One teacher evaluation form
- Student Information Sheet
- Final Application Checklist

All of these forms with specific criteria must be submitted by the deadline. Late applications will not be accepted. After submitting the completed application packet, students will be evaluated by the members of the Faculty Council of the Port Jefferson Middle School. This council will consist of voting faculty members appointed by the principal. Students who successfully meet the criteria for membership will be notified by the NJHS faculty advisor.