



IRS NJHS Selection Procedure Description

The *Indian River School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society* is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of this prestigious national organization. Membership is open to those students who meet the required standards in five areas of evaluation: scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. Students are selected for membership by majority vote of a five-member principal-appointed faculty council, which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty of our school year.

Students in grades six, seven, and eight are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale, equal to an 85%, B. Each winter, at the conclusion of quarter two, those students who meet this criterion are invited to complete a Candidate Form that provides the faculty council with information regarding the candidate's leadership and service.

During a typical year, students' cumulative GPA will be reflective of the grades they accumulate from sixth grade forward, regardless of grade level when applying. Considering the unique circumstances around the Covid-19 pandemic, student's scholastic eligibility will be based on the most recent semester or quarter one and two of their current 2022-23 school year.

What does an exemplary NJHS candidate look like?

Scholarship: Students who have a 85% cumulative grade average for quarter 1 and 2, meet the scholarship qualification for membership. These students are then eligible for consideration on the basis of service, leadership, character and citizenship.

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

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.

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 of good citizenship follows all the [IRS Tiger Behavior Code](#) and the [Indian River School Student Handbook](#), to ensure that a safe and orderly environment is maintained for everyone. These rules are in effect for all Indian River School students at any school function, school sponsored event, school bus stop or bus ride.

To evaluate a candidate's character, the faculty council uses multiple forms of input.

First, students submit a **candidate form** that addresses leadership positions, service activities, other student activities, community activities, work, recognition and rewards.

Second, students will also write **an essay** that addresses the 5 qualities of NJHS membership.

Third, students will request **recommendations from two IRS staff members**.
School disciplinary records may be reviewed.

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- *Candidate Application forms must be accessed and submitted through the IRS NJHS Google Classroom page. If you have questions about accessing this, please email Mrs. Westgate **before** the application deadline at twestgate@mvrzd.org .*



The complete application (Candidate Application Form, Essay, and IRS staff recommendations) are **submitted to the IRS NJHS Google Classroom page by March 10, 2023, by 3pm**, to be carefully reviewed by the faculty council to determine membership. A majority vote of the council is necessary for selection. The NJHS advisor does not vote. Candidates are notified regarding selection or non-selection according to a predetermined schedule. This year students will be notified by March 20, 2023.

Following notification, students will sign contracts by March 31, 2023. A formal induction ceremony is held to recognize all the newly selected members on April 5, 2023. Once inducted, new members are required to maintain the same level of performance (or better) in all five criteria that led to their selection.

Letters of Eligibility given to students- February 20, 2023

Applications and faculty recommendations due by- March 10, 2023 by 3pm

(No Late Applications will be accepted)

Notification of Membership or Non-membership- March 29, 2023

NJHS contracts due by- March 31, 2023

Induction Ceremony- April 5, 2023 @ 6pm