

Criteria for Membership in the National Junior Honor Society

1. **Scholarship** – The student’s cumulative average for the school year should be 85% or higher, although grades alone are not the only criteria for selection. The Faculty Council may wish to consider other students if they exhibit other key qualities.
2. **Leadership** – Leadership is a conserved highly important for membership selection. The definition of leadership is not just the number of offices held, but also leadership in the classroom, on the athletic field, and in the community.
3. **Service** – Service is defined as actions undertaken by the student which are done with or on behalf of others without any direct financial or material compensation. This would include service toward school, classmates, and community as well as the student’s attitude toward service can be reviewed.
4. **Citizenship** – Citizenship is displayed by students who have an understanding of the importance of civic involvement, has a high regard for freedom and justice, and respects the laws of the city, state, and nation.
5. **Character** – The National Junior Honor Society uses the a definition of character known as the “Six Pillars of Character”. (This comes from a program entitled *Character Counts*.) A person of character demonstrates the following six qualities: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship.

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