

St. Catherine of Alexandria
National Junior Honor Society

The National Junior Honor Society is a national organization that recognizes outstanding middle school students. The Honor Society member exhibits excellence in academics and leadership, displays honorable and admirable character, and demonstrates a commitment to service and good citizenship- all of which indicate that the member is willing to use personal talents and skills for the improvement of both self and society.

Leadership

- Demonstrated initiative in promoting school activities
- Exercises positive influence on peers in upholding school ideals and spirit
- Contributes ideas that improve the life of the school
- Inspires positive behavior in others
- Demonstrates reliability and dependability

Service

- Volunteers and provides dependable and well-organized assistance
- Willing to make sacrifices to offer assistance
- Enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school
- Shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers, and students

Citizenship

- Has a high regard for freedom and justice; respects the US form of government and respects the law for citizens at the local, state and federal levels
- Demonstrates mature participation and responsibility through involvement with such activities as scouting, community organizations, or school clubs and sports

Character

- Consistently exemplifies positive and desirable qualities of behavior
- Cooperates by complying with school policies and regulations and codes of student conduct
- Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously
- Demonstrates the highest standards of honesty, academic integrity, and reliability
- Regularly exhibits courtesy, concern, and respect for others
- Complies with instructions and rules, and displays personal responsibility

Candidate Application Process and Requirements

1. Students must complete an application packet, due shortly after the end of the first trimester. The following items are contained in the application packet:
 - a. Application cover page
 - b. Instructions for a written essay
 - c. Student activity information sheet
 - d. Teacher recommendation form
2. Selection is determined by the faculty advisors and is based on outstanding scholarship (minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA), citizenship, character, leadership, and service. Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities.
3. Grades will be checked at the end of each trimester. If a member earns a GPA lower than a 3.5, they will be on probation for a semester to work on improving their GPA. If a member does not improve their GPA to a 3.5, the student will lose their membership in NJHS.
4. If a student receives a detention, they will be placed on probation for a trimester. If no other detentions are earned, the student will be reinstated as a member. If a student receives a second detention in the same school year, they will not be eligible to return as a member of NJHS. Parents will be notified if their child is on probation or removed from NJHS. (until the end of the current trimester)
5. Members must complete 12 in school service hours (defined as service to the school and parish community) and 12 out of school service hours for a total of 24 service hours to be submitted in the third trimester. During the year, opportunities for both in school and out of school service will be provided in the Google Classroom. Some outside service opportunities may not be supervised by SCA faculty. Hours used for Confirmation may not be used for NJHS.
6. Applications for NJHS are only open during the end of the first trimester and available to students twice (traditionally in 6th and 7th grade).
7. Students can be placed on probation from NJHS for failure to meet the required GPA at report card/trimester end, for behavior (receiving detentions), and for failure to complete the service hours by the established date.