



DOWELL NJHS

National Junior Honor Society is a service-minded organization for 7th and 8th graders, which strives to promote leadership and citizenship skills within its members. Membership in NJHS is granted after careful consideration of applications by our membership committee. This membership is the highest honor that the school can bestow on a student, because it acknowledges excellence; not just in one activity, but in all. Students are invited to join NJHS after they have exhibited these standards of excellence: Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Citizenship and Character. NJHS students are our future community leaders and, as such, are expected to be positive role models to their peers, as well as to others. NJHS members understand the importance of "doing what's right, because it's right," and strive to model this, both on and off the Dowell Middle School campus.

September Information:

- 1) Welcome to the 2022-2023 NJHS School Year!! I am so excited to open up the applications, and begin another fun year of serving others! I am (by far), the luckiest sponsor at Dowell, to work with such a wonderful bunch of student leaders!
- 2) On Thursday, September 15th, we will have our first meeting, in the downstairs collaboration space (across from G100). This will be an informational meeting for 7th and 8th grade students who are interested in becoming members of NJHS. Returning members do not need to attend.
- 3) The APPLICATION PROCESS will OPEN on September 19th and CLOSE on October 14th. These are solid dates, so please get everything completed in time. The Membership Requirements are listed below, along with our meeting dates for this year. I will distribute the acceptance letters to all members, by October 21st.

New Members: You MUST complete each step of the application process. This includes the online application (see below), two Teacher Evaluation Forms (see below), and the Parent/Student Signature Form (see below).

Returning Members: You need to do each of the steps mentioned above, EXCEPT the Teacher Evaluation Forms.

That's all for now. Please remember to join us in the downstairs collaboration space on September 15th, if you are new to NJHS and have questions.

Talk soon,
Mrs. Thomas
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2022 - 2023 NJHS Application Information

Dowell Middle School is a proud participant in the National Junior Honor Society. Our chapter is dictated by guidelines and criteria set at the national level. NJHS is a service organization and has high academic criteria. Members participate in individual and group community service projects. Application for the school year is open only to students who satisfy the outline criteria. Please see the links below for more information.

- **2022-2023 Application**
- **Teacher Request Letter** (printed out by new applicants to give to two teachers)
- **Teacher Evaluation Form**
- **Parent/Student Signature Form** (signed hard copy must be given to Mrs. Thomas in G100)
- **Elected Officials Application**

Membership Requirements

Academic Criteria

- 7th and 8th Grade Students
- Students are eligible with an overall average of > 90% in 2nd semester of last year.
- Straight A's are NOT required, but all grades must average out to > 90%.
- If you do not have a copy of last year's report card, we can verify grades AFTER you submit the application.

Conduct

- Student must have 2 teacher recommendations based on behavior and leadership.
- Students must maintain outstanding conduct, and must not have received any N's or U's during each nine weeks, of the previous two quarters.
- Applying students must not have any ISS or OSS suspensions, and may not have more than one detention, during the previous two quarters. Once admitted, students will be removed for any suspensions, and will be placed on probation if they receive an after school detention.

Community and School Service Hours

- NJHS members must complete 10 hours of community service. A maximum of 5 hours can be completed on campus.
- Character is a core value of NJHS - we are operating on the Honor System!

Meeting Attendance

- NJHS will meet once a month, after school (4:00-5:00) on Thursday afternoons. Make-up meetings for student athletes will be on Friday morning, at 8:20.
- Students who do not meet the meeting requirement may be suspended from the organization.

Students are expected to attend all meetings. If a student cannot attend a meeting due to a school sponsored activity, he or she must notify Mrs. Thomas BEFORE the meeting, and attend the alternate meeting time.

NJHS Meetings and Important Dates