



ROCKY POINT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

ROCKY POINT MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Rocky Point Middle School Chapter of National Junior 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 Honor Society need to have and maintain a cumulative weighted grade point average of 93 (92.5) by the end of seventh grade. These graded students are then eligible for consideration on the basis of service, leadership and character. Once selected, students need to maintain a 93 overall GPA average throughout the school year.
- **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:** 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, 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 RPMS NJHS, he/she is given a packet requiring he/she to complete a student activity information form, submit one recommendation letter (from a non-school source), compose a 500-word essay, submit the Submission Checklist Form, and if chosen, complete an Optional Information Form. All of these forms with specific criteria are given to the candidates by the RPMS NJHS faculty advisor and must be completed by the applicant by the date given to the candidates by the advisor. No late packets will be accepted. Membership decisions are determined by a majority vote of a 5-member faculty council following their evaluation of candidates' qualifications in the areas of Service, Leadership, Character and Citizenship. Students who successfully meet the criteria for membership will be notified by the NJHS faculty advisor.