

National Junior Honor Society Application Packet

Congratulations! You have been nominated for membership in the Emerald Cove Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. This nomination is based on your grade point average, which is at least 3.70 since the beginning of seventh grade. Membership in the NJHS is both an honor and a responsibility. It is an honor to be chosen and recognizes your service, citizenship, leadership, and character in addition to your excellence. If you choose to apply and are selected for membership, you will be required to maintain a 3.7 grade point average each grading period, complete 24 service hours (at least 10 hours served at Emerald Cove), and maintain the highest standards in conduct. You will be looked upon as a student leader by school staff and your peers. You will be required to dress up on meeting days and other occasions. NJHS is a student-run organization. Officers have been elected by the membership at the meeting in spring for the following school year. Members are expected to help with the projects sponsored by the organization. NJHS is not for everyone. There is no obligation to apply. If you have more questions please feel free to contact me at heather.evrley@palmbeachschools.org . If you are interested, you need to meet all application deadlines--listed below. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications are reviewed and voted on by the Faculty Council, not the sponsor. You will be notified of the results. Again, congratulations. You will want to discuss this nomination and your decision with your parents. For more information about NJHS, visit http://www.njhs.us/s_nhs/index.asp.

I hope to meet you soon.

Mrs. Evrley

NJHS Advisor National Junior Honor Society

Obligations of Membership

Membership in NJHS is an honor; in fact, to prove worthy of the honor, members of this national society must meet the following obligations:

1. Service: a. Chapter Service Projects-All members participate and promote the NJHS Group Service Projects. We will have one group project each semester. b. Individual Service Projects-All members independently complete an additional six hours of service each quarter or twelve hours each semester. This service may be completed for a church group, a scout group, a community volunteer effort, and/or opportunities offered at MMS.
2. Scholarship: As an Honor Society, we have high expectations for academic performance. NJHS members must maintain a 3.5 GPA.
3. Leadership: Members of NJHS act as student leaders, providing a positive role model to other MMS students.
4. Citizenship: All members comply with school rules. Office referrals, detentions, or suspension for behavior issues are not acceptable for members of NJHS.
5. Character: Members of NJHS strive to develop the following character traits: responsibility, respect, patience, courage, caring, integrity, self-control, cooperation, and perspective.

Further Obligations: 1. Dues: MMS NJHS members pay a one-time chapter due of \$25.00. These dues help fund Chapter renewal fees and t-shirts. 2. Meeting Attendance: Members are expected to attend all scheduled membership meetings. Members who cannot attend a scheduled meeting must provide a written excuse to the Chapter advisors. When membership obligations are not met: Students who have been unable to fulfill obligations of our NJHS' Chapter are notified in writing that they are on probationary status. Those on probation will have no less than one academic quarter and no more than one academic semester to demonstrate their ability and willingness to fulfill all obligations of membership in order to be considered a member in good standing. If they are unable to maintain membership obligations, the Faculty Council will hold a hearing to consider the student's dismissal from the Chapter. Dismissal Hearings provide the probationary member with due process rights. The member may present reasons s/he should be allowed to maintain NJHS membership. If the Faculty Council rules for dismissal from the Chapter, the student may file a formal, written appeal with the principal asking for reinstatement. The principal has full authority over all actions and decisions of the Faculty Council on discipline of dismissal of members.

Resignation of Chapter Membership

Personal situations may change, and NJHS members could find themselves unable to fulfill the obligations of NJHS membership. In this situation, members have the option of tendering a letter of resignation instead of facing a disciplinary hearing and/or dismissal from the MMS Chapter. Members are urged to meet with the NJHS sponsor(s) if they feel their situation may warrant resignation from NJHS; sponsor(s) will work with probationary members to find ways to remain members in good standing.

Emerald Cove Middle School National Junior Honor Society Application

Please complete all sections of the application form. Write all responses legibly. Thank-you.

Completed forms must be turned in to Mrs. Evrley’s mailbox in the front office by 2:30 PM Tuesday, February 7th.

Applicant’s Name: _____ Grade Level _____

Scholarship: List your current 1st quarter GPA: _____ List your Cumulative GPA: _____

Leadership: List any elected or appointed leadership positions you have held at school or in your community. (If you need additional space, please attach a separate sheet.)

Activity	Leadership Position	Grade/Year
_____	_____	_____

Service: List any school or community based service activities you have participated in over the past year, and give an estimate of the time devoted to the service activity.

Activity	Your role in the activity	Hours of Service
_____	_____	_____

Character: List any awards, honors, or recognition you have received at school or in the community during the past year that show you are a person of good character.

Award/Honor	Name of group offering the award/honor
_____	_____

Citizenship: Please write your signature below to attest you have not had any office referrals, in-school or out-of-school suspensions at any time while attending ECMS.

_____ (Your signature)

Motivation: Please write a brief narrative (one paragraph); explain why you would like to be a part of NJHS and what benefits you will bring to the organization.

I have read and understand the obligations of NJHS membership. If selected as a member, I will commit to fulfilling those obligations.

_____ Student Signature

I have read and understand the obligations of NJHS membership, and I support my child’s decision to apply for membership.

_____ Parent Signature

