



Emerson Chapter NJHS Selection Procedure Description

The National Junior Honor Society chapter of Emerson Middle School is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of this prestigious national organization. Membership is open to those students who meet the required standards in five areas of evaluation: **scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship**. Students are selected for membership by majority vote of a five-member principal-appointed faculty council, which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty of our school each school year.

Students in grades 7th and 8th grade are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale. During the fall semester, those students who meet this criterion are invited to complete a Candidate Form that provides the faculty council with information regarding the candidate's leadership and service.

To evaluate a candidate's service and leadership, applicants for membership will be asked to provide examples of activities they have participated in or roles in which they have served. The faculty council will review each application to gauge each student's commitment to these areas.

Finally, to evaluate a candidate's character and citizenship, the faculty council uses two forms of input. First, school disciplinary records are reviewed. Second, members of the faculty are solicited for input regarding their professional reflections on a candidate's service activities, character, and leadership.

Any solicited faculty input and all Candidate Forms are carefully reviewed by the faculty council to determine membership. A majority vote of the council is necessary for selection. Candidates are notified regarding selection or nonselection according to a predetermined schedule.

Following notification, a formal induction ceremony is held at the school to recognize all the newly selected members. Once inducted, new members are required to maintain the same level of performance (or better) in all five areas that led to their selection.

In most years, the application process will occur during the 2nd card marking with the induction ceremony at the end of the first semester or the beginning of the second semester.

If you have questions regarding this process, feel free to contact Emerson's NJHS Adviser, John Lectka, at jlectka@livoniapublicschools.org.