



# Insight PA Cyber Charter School National Junior Honor Society & National Honor Society Selection Procedures

Selection as a member of the National Junior Honor Society/National Honor Society is an honor recognized throughout the nation as both the public recognition of accomplishment and the private commitment to continued excellence on the part of the new member. Because of the importance placed upon this aspect of school life, local chapters are charged with creating a selection process that conforms to the national guidelines, is applied fairly and consistently to all candidates, and provides meaningful recognition of deserving students.

Insight PA Cyber Charter School Chapters of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) and National Honor Society (NHS) follow the national constitution for the selection and dismissal process of students. To be considered for membership, students provide information to be used by the local selection committee to support their candidacy for membership. Membership is granted only to those students selected by the Faculty Council on the condition of their having met the standards for selection and based on the provisions of the national constitution. Insight PA Cyber Charter School will use a five-member Faculty Council, appointed by the principal, which selects all new members and monitors and disciplines existing chapter members. Our selection and dismissal of members is as follows:

### **National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)**

The National Junior Honor Society chapter of Insight PA Cyber Charter 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.

#### NJHS MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in this chapter is an honor bestowed upon deserving students by the faculty and shall be based on the criteria of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. Selection to NJHS is a privilege and not considered a right inherent to any student.



Membership is granted only to those students selected by the faculty council in each school on the condition of their having met the standards for selection established at the local level and based on the provisions of the NJHS National Constitution.

Section 2. Membership in this chapter shall be known as active, honorary, and alumni. Active members become alumni members at graduation. Alumni and honorary members have no voice or vote in chapter affairs.

## Section 3. Eligibility:

- a. Candidates eligible for selection to this chapter must be in the second semester of sixth grade or members of the seventh grade class.
- b. To be eligible for selection to membership in this chapter, the candidate must have been enrolled for a period equivalent to one semester at Insight PA Cyber Charter Middle School.
- c. Candidates eligible for election to the chapter shall have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale.
- d. Upon meeting the grade level, enrollment, and GPA standards, candidates shall then be considered based on their service, leadership, character, and citizenship.
- e. Candidates are required to complete a candidate information form which includes:
- 1) the completion of an essay
- 2) the identification of two faculty or staff members to serve as references for the student
- 3) the provision of evidence to highlight, identify, and/or otherwise outline their accomplishments and/or activities that exemplify his or her participation and achievements in the areas of:
- academic honors/awards (scholarship)
- volunteer and/or service activities (service, character)
- extracurricular clubs, organizations, and/or activities (leadership, citizenship)



#### **NJHS SELECTION OF MEMBERS**

Section 1. The selection of members to this chapter shall be by a majority vote of the faculty council which consists of five faculty members appointed by the principal. The chapter adviser shall be the sixth, nonvoting, ex officio member of the faculty council.

Section 2. The selection of active members shall be held once a year during the second semester of the school year.

Section 3. Prior to the final selection, the following shall occur:

- a. Students' academic records shall be reviewed to determine scholastic eligibility.
- b. All students who are eligible scholastically (i.e., candidates) shall be notified and asked to complete and submit the candidate information form for further consideration (see above NJHS Membership; Section 3, Part E).
- c. The faculty shall be requested to evaluate candidates determined to be scholastically eligible using the official input form provided by the chapter adviser.
- d. The faculty council shall review the candidate information forms, faculty input, and other relevant information to determine those who fully meet the selection criteria for membership according to the NJHS Member Selection RUBRIC.
- Section 4. Candidates become members when inducted at a special Induction Ceremony.
- Section 5. An active member of the National Junior Honor Society who transfers from this school will be given an official letter indicating the status of his/her membership.

Section 6. An active member of the National Junior Honor Society who transfers to this school will be automatically accepted for membership in this chapter. The faculty council shall grant to the transferring member one semester to attain the membership requirements and, thereafter, this member must maintain those requirements for this chapter in order to retain his/her membership.



## NJHS Staff Information:

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