

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY
MOUNT PLEASANT JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
MOUNT PLEASANT, TEXAS**

1. To be elected to the National Junior Honor Society in the fall of the year, a student must have a **minimum cumulative grade average of 90** in all core classes for the 1st six weeks of the semester. The student must be **enrolled in at least two Pre-AP classes**.
2. **Applicants must NOT have any discipline referrals for the first six week period prior to the inductions.** Appeals to this requirement can be presented to the NJHS Faculty Council who serve as the final authority on acceptance. Since character is an integral part of the NJHS, Students caught cheating or plagiarizing will not be eligible.
3. Students must have completed one six week period at Mt. Pleasant Junior High School to be eligible for membership. However, students may transfer an existing membership from another school, subject to documentation from the previous school.
4. Service is an integral part of the NJHS mission, and it is strongly desired that applicants be able to demonstrate some level of community involvement prior to seeking membership. The Faculty Advisory Council will evaluate those with no evidence of past volunteer service.
5. In order to maintain membership, should a student fall below a required cumulative six-week grade average of ninety (90) in their four core classes for any six-week grading period, **that student will be placed on probation for a period of one six-weeks to achieve compliance with NJHS requirements.** An additional six-week period of probation may be granted if the student appeals to the Faculty Advisory Council and can prove an extenuating circumstance interfered with that student's ability to perform up to the requirements. If at the end of the six-weeks of probation the student still does not meet the grade requirement, that student will be suspended from NJHS. **It is the responsibility of the student to show his or her report card to the sponsor to determine six-week cumulative grade average within one week of the end of the six-week grading period. Failure to meet this requirement may be grounds for dismissal from the MPJH Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.**

6. Probation will not be carried over from one year to the next. The probationary periods must occur within the same school year to cause student dismissal.
7. **Any average below seventy (70) in ANY class, is grounds for dismissal.**
8. **Students will pay dues of \$10 to NJHS. Failure to pay dues is also grounds for dismissal.**
9. Once a student is dismissed from membership, that student will turn in his/her membership card or certificate to the Faculty Advisor, never again to be eligible for membership.
10. Disciplinary action for misconduct by National Honor Society members will be as follows:

Cheating Plagiarism:	Expulsion pending Faculty Council decision
Disciplinary Referrals:	Probation possible pending Faculty Council Decision

NOTE: **A student must report** disciplinary referrals to the sponsor within two (2) school days. Students who fail to report disciplinary referrals to the sponsor risk dismissal by the Faculty Advisory Council.

11. Cases of appeal, due to Faculty Advisory Council decisions for probation or dismissal of a member, will be made exclusively to the principal. The decision of the principal will be accepted as final without further appeal procedures.
12. At the close of the school year, the status of each 7th grade NJHS member will be reviewed and evaluated by the Faculty Advisory Council with regard to the member's adherence to the high standards of character, scholarship, leadership, and service required by NJHS. Any member who is below standards in one or more of these areas may be re-evaluated after the first six weeks of the upcoming school year.

Return with application packet!

As a candidate for National Junior Honor Society, I, _____ (print Name), will abide by all of the listed membership requirements if selected. I understand the consequence for failure to comply with the requirements.

(signed) _____
NJHS Candidate

(signed) _____
Parent or Guardian

SERVICE HOUR REQUIREMENTS

Service Hours

Each member must complete 10 service hours by May 5th of their 8th grade year.
These service hours may be satisfied in the following manner:

- Concession Stands
- Salvation Army
- Safe-T Crisis Center
- Mt. Pleasant Public Library
- Free Labor-ex: yard work for the elderly
- Titus County Cares
- Health Fairs
- Hospital
- Day Care
- Relay for Life
- Nursing Homes
- Animal Shelter
- Tutoring
- Can Food Drive
- Soldier Item Drive
- Coat Drive
- Any other school sponsored donation activity

Deadline for completion of Service Hours

All service hours must be completed by May 5th. Service hour time will be monitored at the end of the first semester during the 2nd week of January and on or near May 5th. Awards for excess service hours will be given at the May Meeting for most service hours and most types of service hours.

Consequences for Failure to Complete Required Service Hours

Any member who does not comply with the service hour requirement each semester will be placed on probationary status at the time the hours are monitored. If the member is not in compliance with the requirement within two weeks, dismissal will result. The members should keep in mind that one of the four aspects of this organization is service.

Any member who misses (without prior approval of a sponsor) a service project in which he/she has committed must appear before the faculty council.

