National Junior Honor Society Selection Criteria

The NJHS National Council establishes the national standards for all NHS chapters. Local chapters create their own by-laws, which are to be consistent with and comply with the NJHS National Constitution.

NJHS is more than just an honor roll. The NJHS chapter establishes rules for membership that are based upon a student's outstanding performance in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. These four criteria for selection form the foundation upon which the organization and its activities are built.

**Scholarship:** “students who have a **cumulative** grade point average of 85 percent, B, 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) or equivalent standard of excellence, or a higher cumulative average, set by the local school's faculty council meet the scholarship requirement for membership. (PLMS requires a 3.7 GPA to remain a member in good standing). These students are then eligible for consideration on the basis of service, leadership, and character.”(NHS Constitution, Article IX, section 2).

**Service:** This quality is defined through the voluntary contributions made by a student to the school or community, done without compensation and with a positive, courteous, and enthusiastic spirit. (**A minimum 6 hours of community service are required to remain a member in good standing**).

**Leadership:** Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, promoters of school activities, idea-contributors, dependable, and persons who exemplify positive attitudes about life. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activity while working with or for others.

**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 and generally maintains a good and clean lifestyle. (**A student shall have NO major infractions in order to remain a member in good standing**).

A student unable to maintain the above requirements will not lose membership, but will be placed on **probation for one trimester**. If after one trimester the student is not able to meet all of the above requirements, s/he will no longer be considered a member of the Pine Lake Middle School chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. If however, the student does meet above requirements, s/he will continue to be considered a member in good standing.

Members in good standing will be invited to the end of the year celebration.

- *Sixth graders and students new to PLMS will be considered for National Junior Honor Society after completing TWO trimesters at PLMS with a cumulative gpa of 3.7. Community Service Hours are NOT required for those students. Those students who become NJHS members after the first two trimesters will be invited to the induction ceremony.*