

NJHS INFORMATION FOR UTMS PARENTS/GUARDIANS

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WHAT IS NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY (NJHS)?

NJHS is a service club open to students who meet various requirements related to Service, Character, Leadership, Scholarship, and Citizenship. Students who are interested in NJHS will have to excel in the classroom as well as the community. The students who are fortunate enough to be inducted into NJHS **will be required** to participate in many activities outside of the normal demands of their school day. These activities include, but are not limited to, service projects, participation in school activities, Chapter projects, individual projects, small assignments, following all chapter rules and regulations, and maintaining the required academic average. This club is a huge commitment both before and after induction!

HOW DO I HELP MY STUDENT PREPARE?

During 6th grade:

- Encourage your student to do his/her best in school!
- Help him/her find opportunities to begin earning community service hours.
 - Check out our website for important documents that your student will use to record community service hours. Once your student has completed community service hours, they must be recorded in Genesis and approved. Our website has some great information on how your student can complete that task.
 - The Community Service tab in Genesis is only available to students - *not parents* - as this is something that students are expected to do on their own.
- It is also a good idea to check out the list on our website of school credits. Encourage him/her to find some things that interest him/her and plan on participating. Coaches and advisors will sign off on the school credit form (which can be found on our website) AFTER the activity/sport/club is complete.

During 7th grade:

- Encourage your student to stay on track by working hard in school!
- Continue to help him/her find opportunities to earn and log community service hours.
 - Students must earn at least 10 hours prior to November 1 of their 8th grade year.
- Students should participate in school activities and be sure the advisor or coach signs off on the school credit form.
 - Students must earn at least 4 school credits prior to November 1 of their 8th grade year.

By November 1st of 8th grade:

- Have your student show you the Community Service tab in Genesis so you can see what he/she is missing.
- Remind your student that all community service hours and school credits have to be approved in Genesis.

THEN....

Current 8th graders will be invited to join the National Junior Honor Society at the end of the first trimester based on their academic average.

- If your student's cumulative average** (for 6th grade, 7th grade, and Trimester 1 of 8th grade) is a 95% or above, *he/she will receive a formal letter of invitation.*
 - ** The cumulative average will include the first, second, and third trimester of 6th and 7th grade. All classes earning a numeric grade (not including Spanish/World Cultures) are used in the calculation. Art, Music, and Industrial Arts are each calculated as $\frac{1}{3}$ of a grade, as these courses only meet for one trimester per year.

Below is a summary of the information that will be required of your student during the application process:

From 6th and 7th Grade:

- Successfully uploaded and approved documentation of at least 10 total service hours completed between July 1st (before the sixth grade year starts) and November 1st (of the 8th grade year)
- Successfully uploaded and approved documentation of at least 4 total school credits during his/her 6th and 7th grade school years
- Completion of an application which includes an essay(s).

** The Induction Ceremony for accepted 8th grade students will be held after the winter break. Once inducted, the real work begins!! **