



NJHS Selection Procedure Description

The National Junior Honor Society chapter of Aspen Academy 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 a 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 at twice a year.

Students in grades 6th (second semester) and 7-8th are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale (mostly As and Bs). Each second 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. The application will be open for any current students within the appropriate grade range to apply. The committee reserves the right to deny applications that do not meet requirements.

Minimum requirements for maintaining membership in NJHS include completing 10 service hours in school and 10 service hours outside of school for a total of 20 service hours throughout the academic year, demonstrating Aspen Academy's THINK values on a daily basis, and by exhibiting academic excellence by maintaining a 3.0 minimum GPA.

To evaluate a candidate's character, the faculty council uses several forms of input. First, school disciplinary records, behavior skills, and work habits as shown on the report cards will be considered. Second, members of the faculty are consulted for input regarding their professional reflections on a candidate's service activities, character, leadership, and demonstration of Aspen Academy's THINK values.

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 non-selection 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 criteria that led to their selection.