

**EDISON PREPARATORY MIDDLE SCHOOL  
NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY**

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**Please Note:**

The induction ceremony will take place on Thursday, April 30, 2020 from 9 to 10:30 AM for new members. Please be prepared to attend.

The procedures noted here are based on the policies of the National Junior Honor Society ([www.njhs.us](http://www.njhs.us)).

## What is the National Junior Honor Society?



The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is an organization that recognizes not only academic achievement, but other characteristics essential to citizens in a democracy. At Edison Preparatory Middle School any seventh-grade-student may become eligible for membership into NJHS. Students are expected to complete community service hours and be active volunteers at Edison Preparatory Middle School.

One requirement for membership is scholastic eligibility. A cumulative GPA of 3.5 **after three semesters is necessary** to be considered for NJHS. Although you may earn Distinguished Honors or Honors throughout the year, it does not guarantee acceptance into NJHS.

The second requirement for possible induction into NJHS is an evaluation by the Faculty Council on the student for the following:

### **LEADERSHIP**

- Demonstrates leadership in classroom and homeroom
- Demonstrates leadership in promoting school activities
- Contributes ideas which improve civic life of the school
- Successfully holds school offices or positions of responsibility
- Exerts leadership which positively influences others

### **SERVICE**

- Renders worthwhile service to the school
- Does committee work
- Represents school in inter-class and inter-school competition
- Shows courtesy by assisting teachers, visitors, and students
- Renders worthwhile service to the community

### **CHARACTER**

- Promptly meets individual pledges and responsibilities to school and teachers
- Demonstrates highest standards of attitude toward honesty and reliability
- Constantly demonstrates desirable qualities of personality (cheerfulness, friendliness, neatness, poise and stability)
- Complies with school regulations (follows regulations concerning books, property, program, office, halls, and lockers)

- Upholds principles of morality and ethics

#### **CITIZENSHIP**

- Respects the local, state, and national forms of American government
- Demonstrates civic involvement

*Membership in National Junior Honor Society is not a guaranteed right — it is an honor. Therefore, throughout the year you may want to focus on the above requirements and work toward a goal that will ultimately lead to possible induction into NJHS.*

### Prospective NJHS Members

Candidate forms for NJHS will be available after the third marking period of the school year for **seventh**-grade-students. Any eligible student will be given an NJHS form at that time.

### Transferring NJHS Members

Transfer NJHS members will submit a letter from their former chapter, signed by their former sponsor and submitted to the current sponsor of the new chapter. It is possible for the member to be inducted at the yearly induction ceremony.

**\*\*\*CURRENT MEMBERS for the 2019-20 school year will earn three service hours\*\*\***

### For Current NJHS Members to begin in the 2020-21 school year:

1. Your hour sheets are due by 3 pm the last day of the first full-week of April. This year the date is April 10. Turn in your completed and signed sheets to the NJHS sponsor in their current classroom or designated area. The sponsor will review your semester grades (maintain a 3.5 or face dismissal) and your hour sheet to determine if you will continue your membership in NJHS. You must also attend 90 percent of NJHS meetings to remain a member. Your sponsor will notify you of the results.
2. The induction ceremony will take place on Thursday, April 30, from 9 to 10:30 am for new members. Please be prepared to attend.

**BEGINNING IN 2021 ALL MEMBERS, CURRENT AND NEW, WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND.**

**For NJHS Parents:** If you would like to receive updates on NJHS activities, please send an email to: [poindna@tulsaschools.org](mailto:poindna@tulsaschools.org), or contact the school principal for the current advisor's name and contact information. Your information and email address will be added to the NJHS contact list.

### Guidelines for Service Hours

[Click here for a new Service Hours Documentation Form](#)

The following is a list of **ACCEPTABLE** service projects/activity:

- Church/Religious group service activities
- School service activities
- Food/clothing/toy drives/collections
- Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts service activities
- Volunteering to help with any type of walk/run to benefit an organization or cause
- Volunteering at a soup kitchen, group home, elderly care facility, etc.
- Organizing a volunteer event
- Work for the United Way

*An acceptable VOLUNTEER service project is any activity in which you do not receive payment or compensation of any kind for your work and benefits other people in your school or community. You should be physically doing something to impact the community or to raise money for the school or community organization.*

The following is a list of **UNACCEPTABLE** service projects/activity:

- Babysitting
  - Required sports/musical practices
  - Extra-curricular club activities (unless you are doing a service project)
  - Chores at home (raking leaves, mowing the grass, cleaning, etc.)
  - Being a participant in a fundraiser walk/run
- **If you have any questions about an acceptable service project or activity, please see the sponsor as soon as possible.**
- **NJHS members are required to complete a minimum of 10 service hours by April of any service year- see form for the due date. Five (5) of these 15 hours may be completed during the summer. You may turn your hours in early if you finish, however I do like to know all the service you complete so please keep track until sometime in March and don't turn in until then.**
- **Service hours must be documented on the Edison Preparatory Middle School form Signatures must be obtained by a person supervising the service event. Most likely, this signature WILL NOT be from your parent/guardian. Be sure to also provide a description of the service you completed. Any service hour forms that do not follow these directions will not be accepted.**
- **If your hours are not turned in by the deadline, then you will be removed from National Junior Honor Society—NO EXCEPTIONS!**

## CURRENT SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Mrs. Patricia Archie, Edison Special Education Teacher

- Donations of large canisters of coffee, hot chocolate and marshmallow- one service point each

- Volunteering to serve as a sponsor for a Special Olympics student