

The National Junior Honor Society chapter of Aprende Middle School 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, leadership, service, citizenship, and character. Standards for selection are established by the national office of NJHS and have been revised to meet our local chapter needs. Students are selected to be members by a 5-member Faculty Council, appointed by the principal, which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty of our school each year.

Students currently in grades six or seven are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a **cumulative** GPA of 3.8 or better on a 4.0 scale after **3 consecutive quarters** at the same school. **On April 17, 2024**, those students who meet this criterion are invited by Kyrene email to join the NJHS Candidate Class in Google Classroom to complete the Candidate Information Form. This required Form will provide the Faculty Council with information regarding the candidate's leadership and service. A history of leadership experiences and participation in school or community service is also required. The 2024 - 25 Faculty Council uses the following standards to determine a candidate's membership into NJHS:

- A completed Candidate Information Form that has at least **two** of the **four** sections filled in thoughtfully. *The candidate demonstrates effort to complete the Form to the best of his/her ability and takes each criterion seriously, even if all four sections could not be fully completed.* Taking this into consideration, the Faculty Council sees fit that proving more than just Scholarship will meet the criteria for this organization. Please be aware that **elementary school opportunities will not be considered** as examples of a student's *current* leadership, service, or honors/awards.
- A completed letter of intent that demonstrates to the best of the candidate's ability that he/she will fulfill the obligations and requirements of membership in NJHS. The letter may not be longer than two pages as stated on the Candidate Information Form.

To help evaluate a candidate's character, the Faculty Council first reviews school disciplinary records. Second, the Candidate Information Forms and personal letters 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 found on the Aprende Middle School master calendar. Following notification, a formal induction ceremony is held at the school to recognize all the newly selected members. Information about NJHS and the selection process may be found on the 2024 NJHS Candidate Google Classroom page.

Once inducted, new members are required to maintain the same level of performance (or better) in all five criteria that led to their selection. This obligation includes regular attendance at chapter meetings and leadership opportunities held throughout during the school year and participation in the chapter service projects. Hours of individual service during the school year must be documented and submitted each year of membership, as well. Students or parents who have questions regarding the selection process or

membership obligations can contact Tonia Deer at tdeer@kyrene.org or Amy Furman at afurma@kyrene.org.