



Our Lady of Mercy National Junior Honor Society Candidate Requirements

Invitation to Apply to NJHS

Eligible students (6-8th grade) will be invited to apply after first quarter, or after third quarter.

Acceptance

Your acceptance is the decision of the Faculty Council. The Faculty Council determines your acceptance based on how you exemplify the five pillars of the NJHS: scholarship, leadership, character, citizenship, and service. The applicant will be notified once the Faculty Council has made a decision.

Academic Requirements for Application and Acceptance

- Earning First Honors (maintaining all A's or A's with one B), or Second Honors (maintaining all A's and B's, with a minimum of 3 A's) for the current and previous quarters being considered.
- Two or more detentions may be a reason to be denied from NJHS.
- 7th and 8th grade will be invited to apply after the first quarter. Grades from quarter 4 or the previous year, and quarter 1 of the current year are considered.
- **6th graders must wait to apply until after the 3rd quarter (7th and 8th may also be invited to apply at this time). Grades from quarters 2 and 3 of the current year are considered.**

Behavior Policy

It is a privilege and honor to participate in the National Junior Honors Society. The Our Lady of Mercy NJHS Chapter has established a set of rules regarding the Behavior Policy. Withdrawing a student from the Our Lady of Mercy NJHS Chapter will be given after a warning. Causes for warning and dismissal include:

- Detentions: A warning is given after the member's first detention. If the member reaches a total of three detentions, the Faculty Council will review the causes of the detentions and evaluate if dismissal is necessary. If they reach four, the member is immediately dismissed.
- Suspensions: Cause for immediate dismissal.
- Tardies: Excused tardies such as doctor's appointments do not count towards dismissal from the NJHS. Members who reach five tardies will be given a warning. At eight tardies, the member will be given their final warning. After ten tardies, the member will be dismissed from the NJHS.
- Students who are dismissed or resign from the NJHS are not allowed to re-apply for an NJHS membership.

If an NJHS member receives grades that are below second honors requirements, the Faculty Council will meet to discuss if probation is warranted.

** NOTE: There is a service hour requirement to be fulfilled during the year.