East Islip Middle School National Junior Honor Society <u>MEMBERSHIP PREREQUISITES</u>

I. Scholarship

Students must obtain a cumulative average of at least 95% for all of sixth grade and the first 3 quarters of seventh grade in order to be considered for membership.

II. Leadership

Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, promoters of school activities, idea-contributors, dependable, and persons who exemplify positive attitudes about life. *Students must give evidence of at least two leadership experiences within the school or community.* Leadership roles are only those positions in which you were directly responsible for directing or motivating others. This includes: club officer, committee chairperson, captain, newspaper editor, first musician, or community leader. You may find this is the most challenging prerequisite for this society.

III. Character

The student of good character upholds principles of morality and ethics, is cooperative, demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability, shows courtesy, concern and respect for others and generally maintains a good and clean lifestyle. Each student's disciplinary record will be reviewed. Students with *any* disciplinary infractions will be prohibited from applying. Once inducted, NJHS members are expected to uphold the highest levels of academic, social and athletic integrity. Members who commit any of the following infractions will be *immediately dismissed* from our chapter of NJHS: cutting class, disrespecting peers, staff, or school property (as documented on progress reports, report cards, or disciplinary action), behavior inconsistent with our standards (this includes but is NOT limited to: substance abuse, vandalism, fighting, bullying, inappropriate use of the internet, cell phones, etc.), plagiarism, cheating on school assignments either in class or elsewhere.

IV. School & Community Service Activities

This quality is defined through the voluntary contributions made by a student to the school and community, done without compensation and with a positive, courteous, and enthusiastic spirit. Once students are eligible based on scholarship and character, they must complete an application requiring documentation of *at least two activities* that show service within the school (school service activities). Additionally, students have to document *at least two activities* that show involvement in community service (community service activities). School service activities include: school clubs, teams, or musical groups. Community service activities include: youth groups, clubs sponsored outside of school, Boy or Girl Scouts, volunteer groups.

V. Outside School Activities

These activities demonstrate active interest in areas outside of the academic and community

service fields. Students must be able to document on their application *at least two* outside school

activities. Some examples of this type of involvement include: dance lessons, martial arts classes, and outside school sports teams.