



## **Leota NJHS Selection Procedure 2025-2026**

The National Junior Honor Society chapter of Leota 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 in grades 6-8 are eligible for membership. First, they must join the NJHS Schoology group prior to the end of first semester. The group will be new each year and the code for the group can be found on the Leota website. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale. A student's GPA will be checked at the end of 1<sup>st</sup> semester. Those students who meet this criterion are invited to complete an application.

The application will be posted in the Schoology group around February or March and will include the following:

- A record of 10+ service hours that you have completed with at least 1 of those hours being at Leota
- A short essay for a student to explain how they have met the areas of evaluation (scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship). Note: This is only required for new members. If you were already inducted into NJHS in a previous year at Leota you do not need to write another essay.

Applications are always due on the last Friday of the month of March.

To evaluate a candidate's character, the faculty council uses two forms of input. First, school disciplinary records are reviewed. A student should not have any after school detentions, Saturday schools, or suspensions. All disciplinary actions will however be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Second, members of the faculty are solicited for input regarding their professional reflections on a candidate's service activities, character, and leadership.

Any solicited faculty input and all applications are carefully reviewed by the advisor to determine membership. Candidates are then notified regarding selection or nonselection.

Following notification, a formal induction ceremony is held at the school in May or June to recognize all the newly selected members. Once inducted, new members are required to maintain the same level of performance (or better) in all four criteria that led to their selection.