

CJSF Membership Information

What is CJSF?

Founded in 1967, the California Junior Scholarship Federation (CJSF) is a state-wide organization of over 600 chapters. The purpose of CJSF is to foster high standards of scholarship, service, and citizenship on behalf of the students of California's public and private junior high and middle schools.

What are the benefits of CJSF membership?

CJSF grooms the student for CSF membership in high school. Membership also brings with it the opportunity to participate in activities which benefit the school, the community, and the student.

What do I need to turn in to join CJSF?

- Your report cards and CJSF application from the previous quarters (stapled together)
- Service Hours Verification form (may be turned in prior to the deadline)
- You must reapply each quarter by the due dates (given to students during the first meeting)

What grades do I need to join CJSF?

- You need a total of at least 8 points each quarter to be in CJSF for 7th and 8th grade
- Grades of "A" and "B" count toward CJSF points earned in the student's four core classes (math, ELA, history, science).
Accelerated and Honors classes receive an extra point.
- Final grades of "D" or "F" in **ANY** class (including PE and elective) disbars the student from membership in CJSF and you **CANNOT** reapply (progress reports do NOT count).
- Suspension for any reason disqualifies a student from CJSF membership in middle school (you may join CSF in high school)
- Points are awarded as follows:
 - **A** is **3** CJSF points
 - **B** is **1** CJSF point
 - **C** is **0** CJSF points

What is Honor Membership?

To obtain honor membership, you must qualify and apply for membership in 7th Grade (**all 4 quarters**) and 8th Grade (**first 3 quarters**). This includes 10 hours of service (for the year) completed as well.

What awards do CJSF members receive?

Those who obtain honor membership by the end of your eighth-grade year will receive the following awards:

- The official gold CJSF Honor Membership Pin
- Seating in the front rows during the 8th grade promotion ceremony.
- A certificate of recognition with the CJSF gold seal presented to you at the 8th grade awards night
- A celebratory luncheon provided at the end of your of 8th grade year

What happens if I receive a suspension, or a "N" or "U" on a report card when I am a member of CJSF?

- A suspension for any reason will result in your debarment from CJSF membership.
- In addition to suspensions, any student who is otherwise eligible but who, in the judgment of the Advisor and Principal consistently lacks self-control on campus, may be debarred from membership for the quarter.
- 1 "N" or 1 "U" **throughout** your 7th and 8th grade years will result in disbarment from CJSF (progress reports don't count).

Community/Home Service Guidelines

Ten Community/Home service hours are required for members as an individual and educational growth experience. You must earn a total of **10 hours in seventh grade** and a total of **10 hours in eighth grade**.

Community service hour guidelines are as follows:

- **NO MORE than Five** service hours by volunteering for your family or friends
- **A MINIMUM of Five** service hours for a Community Event or Organization
- All service hours must be volunteer work; an academic grade or money cannot be received for this service
- You may do all 10 hours within the community if you'd like
- To gain CJSF hours, your volunteer hours must only be used for CJSF (no double dipping)
- Must be done with a smile 😊

Forms and pertinent information is also available in Google Classroom which each CJSF applicant is enrolled in and given the code to join at our initial meeting at the beginning of the school year.

For additional information or questions, please contact the CJSF advisor: