



NJHS
Magnolia Middle School Chapter Bylaws

Chapter Bylaws
of the
Magnolia Middle School Chapter
of the
National Junior Honor Society
Adopted: July 16, 2026

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this chapter shall be the Magnolia Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society of Magnolia Middle School.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of this chapter shall be to induct qualifying students in the spring of their 7th grade year to be members until the conclusion of their 8th grade year, given they remain a member in good standing. These members shall be guided in service through the community, leaders through example in our school and continue to be held to the same academic standard that initially invited them to our chapter.

ARTICLE III: POWERS

Section 1: This chapter operates under the direction of and in full compliance with the National Constitution of NJHS. See www.njhs.us/constitutions. In addition, this chapter will maintain active affiliation with the national organization on an annual basis.

Section 2: This chapter will remain an active member of the state association, National Junior Honor Society, by paying annual dues and participating in state functions when possible.

Section 3. The chapter adviser is given the authority to supervise the administration of chapter activities, as delegated by the school principal.

Section 4: Final approval on all activities and deadlocked decisions of the chapter shall be determined by the school principal.

Section 5: Nondiscrimination. Our chapter of NJHS maintains policies and practices that are designed to prevent discrimination against any qualified candidate or member on the basis of race, color, religion,

ancestry, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity and disability. This policy of nondiscrimination applies to all practices, including the chapter administration and the selection, discipline, and dismissal of members.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in this chapter is an honor bestowed upon deserving students by the faculty and shall be based on the criteria of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship.

Section 2. Membership in this chapter shall be known as active, honorary, and alumni. Active members become alumni members at graduation. Alumni and honorary members have no voice or vote in chapter affairs.

Section 3. Eligibility:

- a. Candidates eligible for selection to this chapter must be in the 7th grade/
- b. Candidates eligible for election to the chapter shall have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale
- c. Upon meeting the grade level, enrollment, and GPA standards, candidates shall then be considered based on their service, leadership, character, and citizenship.

ARTICLE V: SELECTION OF MEMBERS

Section 1. The selection of members to this chapter shall be based on an average score of 15 pts using a rubric based on the pillars of NJHS. Five members of the faculty council shall review each application.

Section 2. The selection of active members shall be held once a year during the 4th marking period of their 7th grade year.

Section 3. Prior to the final selection, the following shall occur:

- a. Students' academic records shall be reviewed to determine scholastic eligibility. (3.5 GPA)
- b. All students who are eligible scholastically (i.e., candidates) shall be notified, and invited to apply to the school's chapter.
- c. The faculty council shall review the candidate application forms, behavior reports, attendance reports, and other relevant information to determine those who fully meet the selection criteria for membership.

Section 4. Candidates become members when inducted at a special ceremony.

Section 5. An active member of the National Junior Honor Society who transfers from this school will be given an official letter indicating the status of his/her membership.

Section 6. An active member of the National Junior Honor Society who transfers to this school will be automatically accepted for membership in this chapter. The faculty council shall grant to the transferring member one semester to attain the membership requirements and, thereafter, this member must maintain those requirements for this chapter in order to retain his/her membership.

ARTICLE VI: OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Annual dues for this chapter shall be no more than \$20 dollars. Dues will be payable to the chapter within the 1st marking period of membership.

Section 2. Members are required to maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 on a 4-point scale.

Section 3. Members shall maintain leadership in their school by modeling exceptional behavior and not receiving any referrals for behaviors in or outside of the classroom.

Section 4. Members shall be required to complete 20 service hours. 3 of which must be part of a chapter initiative.

Section 5. Members should arrive promptly to school, class and events.

Section 6. Members should be models and leaders within the school, negative reports to the advisors, parents, or building administration can be considered for dismissal.

See Article X for consequences of failure to meet these obligations.

ARTICLE VII: OFFICERS

Section 1. The faculty adviser(s) shall collectively be known as the chapter's executive committee. The executive committee shall establish annual goals for the chapter and have general charge of the meetings and the business of the chapter, but any action by the executive committee is subject to the review of the chapter members.

ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings of this chapter shall be held at a minimum once per marking period. Special meetings can be called by the president with the approval of the adviser.

Section 2. Members are required to attend 2 or more meetings, members are responsible for reviewing the meeting minutes, and are held accountable for that information

ARTICLE IX: ACTIVITIES

Section 1. The chapter shall determine one or more service projects for each year.

Section 2. Members shall regularly participate in these projects.

Section 3. These projects shall have the following characteristics: fulfill a need within the school or community; have the support of the administration and the faculty; be appropriate and educationally defensible; and be well planned, organized, and executed.

Section 4. Each member shall have the responsibility for choosing and participating in individual service projects which reflect his or her particular talents and interests and as approved by the chapter adviser. This is in addition to the chapter projects to which all members should contribute.

Section 5. The chapter shall publicize and promote its projects in a positive manner.

ARTICLE X: DISCIPLINE AND DISMISSAL OF MEMBERS

Section 1. Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, service, leadership, character, or citizenship may be considered for discipline or dismissal from the FMS chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. A member of the National Junior Honor Society is expected to maintain his/her academic standing and take an active role in service and leadership to his/her school and community.

Section 2. If a member's grade point average falls below the standard in effect when he/she was selected (3.5), he /she will be given a written warning and a reasonable time period for improvement. If the

cumulative grade point average remains below standard at the end of the warning period the student will be subject to further disciplinary action by the faculty council that includes consideration of dismissal from the chapter. If a student is placed on probation, any additional marking periods with below a 3.5 GPA will result in dismissal from NJHS.

Section 3. Violations of the law or school regulations can result in immediate consideration of the dismissal of a member (see Section 5 below). These violations include, but are not limited to stealing; destruction of property; cheating; truancy; or possession, selling, or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol at school or school-related activities or in the community.

Section 4. Offenders of the school conduct code (such as use of profanity, failure to comply, unexcused absences, excessive tardiness, etc.) will receive written warning notification. A conference may be requested by either party (faculty council or student/parent). If the member is involved in another violation of the school conduct code, the member may be considered for dismissal.

Section 5. In all cases of pending dismissal:

- a. The MEMBER will receive written notification from the adviser/faculty council indicating the reason for consideration of dismissal.
- b. The member has the right to respond to the charge(s) against him/her at a hearing before the faculty council before any vote on dismissal (in accordance with due process identified in Article X of the National Constitution). The member has the opportunity to present his/her defense either in person or via a written statement presented instead of the face-to-face hearing. Following the hearing, the faculty council will then vote on whether to dismiss. A majority vote of the faculty council is needed to dismiss any member. (This vote will include the advisors, one guidance counselor, one teacher, and the principal)
- c. A member who is dismissed or resigns may never again be considered for membership in the National Junior Honor Society.

Section 6. Instead of dismissal, the faculty council may impose alternate disciplinary sanctions upon a member as deemed appropriate, and if they so choose.

ARTICLE XI: RATIFICATION, APPROVAL, AND REVIEW

Section 1: These bylaws will be approved upon receiving a two-thirds affirmative vote of all active members of the chapter, a majority affirmative vote of the faculty council, and approval by the administration.

Section 2: These bylaws shall be reviewed and if necessary, revised within five years from the date of approval noted on this document.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the chapter, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given to members at least one month prior to the vote. The exceptions are Articles IV, V, and X, which are developed by the faculty council with the approval of the principal.

Approved on July 16, 2026



Advisor



Principal