

**National Junior Honor Society
Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School**



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to announce the launch of this year's **National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)** selection process at **Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School** with some exciting news: 7th grade students are now eligible to be a part of NJHS! The National Junior Honor Society chapter of Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School 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 are selected for membership by majority vote of a five-member principal-appointed faculty council, which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty of our school.

Students in grade 7 and 8 that have attended Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School for at least one entire semester and who meet scholarship and character requirements are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or better on a 4.0 scale throughout their time at Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School. To evaluate a candidate's character, the faculty council uses two forms of input. First, school disciplinary records are reviewed. Second, members of the faculty are solicited for input regarding their professional reflections on a candidate's service activities, character, and leadership.

Each fall those students who meet this criterion are invited to complete a Candidate Application Form that provides the faculty council with information regarding the candidate's leadership and service.

Any solicited faculty input and all Candidate Application Forms are carefully reviewed by the faculty council to determine membership. A majority vote of the council is necessary for selection. Candidates are notified regarding selection or non-selection.

Following notification, a formal induction ceremony is held at the school to recognize all the newly selected members. Once inducted, new members are required to maintain the same level of performance (or better) in all five criteria that led to their selection. Grade 7 scholars inducted in will continue their membership throughout grade 8 if all five areas of criterion are upheld throughout the school year, summer, and following school year.

Below is the timeline and process for the 2026/2027 NJHS selection cycle:
October 13 → Notification of eligibility to students via letter delivered in person

October 14-16 → Eligible students interested in applying must pick up an application packet from Ms. Ursch

October 23 → All candidate applications due back by 10am.

October 30 → Selected members announced and notified

November 5 → Ceremony Rehearsal after school

November 6 → NJHS Membership dues of \$30 due online

November 9 → Ceremony Rehearsal after school

November 10 → Induction Ceremony at Pinellas Park HS auditorium at 6:00pm

Once inducted, members are expected to **maintain their high level of academic achievement and personal integrity** in all areas—scholarship, leadership, service, character, and citizenship. Continued membership depends upon upholding these standards.

We look forward to honoring our students who exemplify excellence in both the classroom and our school community. Thank you for your support and partnership as we recognize and celebrate their accomplishments.

Sincerely,
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