

## Frequently Asked Questions about NJHS

How does someone get to be in NJHS?

A student must maintain a 3.7 academic G.P.A. and demonstrate the qualities of scholarship, leadership, citizenship, character, and a willingness to serve others.

How is my G.P.A. calculated?

Using the system: A's = 4 points, B's = 3 points, C's = 2 points and D's = 1 point, a student's academic grades from the first 3 quarters are assigned a point value and totaled. The total is divided by 15. If this number is equal to or greater than 3.7, the student is eligible to be considered for NJHS.

Am I automatically in NJHS if I have a 3.7 G.P.A.?

No, grades are important, but not the only thing considered. You should also show the qualities mentioned above.

What are some examples of actions or behaviors that might prevent from being selected if my grades are good?

Lack of leadership skills: constantly being affected by negative peer pressure, not working well with others or following the "wrong" crowd. Making repeated unwise choices.

Lack of citizenship skills: treating others unkindly; teasing or bullying others; spreading rumors; not following school rules as evidenced by several discipline steps for classroom behavior, dress code or referrals.

Lack of demonstrating good character: being dishonest or cheating. Not being reliable. Displaying unsportsmanlike behavior or selfish behavior

Unwilling to serve others: Consistently showing selfish behavior; Unhelpful or only willing to help for personal gain or reward

Who chooses who is selected for NJHS?

Any student who meets the scholarship requirement is allowed to complete a selection packet. After the packet is submitted, it will be evaluated by a faculty council. Faculty of Faith Middle School is also encouraged to give input on all candidates. The faculty council makes the final decision about each candidate by a majority vote

Who makes up the faculty council?

The faculty council consists of 5 faculty members who are chosen by the school principal. The identities of the council members are not disclosed. The NJHS sponsor is not a member of the faculty council nor is either administrator.

When may I submit a packet for NJHS?

NJHS packets are distributed in late March or Early April. The date for 2009 has not yet been determined.

How will I know if I am selected?

Approximately 1-2 weeks after submitting the packet, letters will be mailed to each candidate notifying them if they were selected.

If I'm not selected can I appeal the decision?

No, NJHS guidelines and policies clearly state that the decision of the faculty council is final and not subject to appeal. If you are in 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade, you will have another opportunity to seek membership the following year.