

National Junior Honor Society
Bylaws
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Article I- Name

- ǒ The National Junior Honor Society, Catherine Walsh Chapter, Paul J. Gelinas JHS
- ǒ The National Junior Honor Society, Grace Barstow Chapter, R.C. Murphy JHS

Article II- Purpose

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Section 2- Selection Process

- ǒ Only 8th and 9th graders who have been in attendance within the Three Village Central School District for at least one full year may be considered for membership into the National Junior Honor Society.
- ǒ A minimum cumulative weighted average of 93% (no rounding) at the end of the six consecutive quarters **must** be achieved in order to qualify. ***This means that students cannot become eligible until the second quarter of the 8th grade.***
- ǒ Eligible students will receive their applications automatically. Those who complete the application packet outlining their accomplishments are reviewed by the faculty council. **The application must be turned in by the deadline specified or it will not be reviewed. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS DEADLINE.**
- ǒ A faculty council of five voting members chaired by the National Junior Honor Society advisor(s) in a non-voting role will consider each application packet according to the guidelines set down by the national organization. Candidates receiving a majority vote of the faculty council shall be inducted into the chapter.

Section 3- Selection Requirements

- **Scholarship-** 93% (no rounding) cumulative GPA for 6 consecutive quarters- this means an average of a students overall GPA for these quarters will determine eligibility. Please note this means that students are not eligible for NJHS until after the second quarter of 8th grade. Cumulative averages will be reviewed again after the second quarter of 9th grade for those who are ineligible in the year prior.
- **Character/Citizenship-** The candidate must demonstrate participation in at least 2 school activities (clubs, sports etc.) and provide one reference from an advisor/teacher regarding their overall character.
The school Administration and/or Principal reserve the right to reject any application if the candidate has violated the school code of conduct at any point.
- **Leadership-** The candidate must write an essay as described in the application. Students must follow all guidelines regarding the format of this essay.
- **Service-** Activity advisors are asked to verify the candidate's service. Candidates must show some verifiable service from the year prior to their application. If students are unable to get a signature verifying their service on the NJHS service log, they must provide a letter or certificate from the event as evidence of service. ***The applicant is required to have a minimum of 20 total service hours within or outside of their Junior High School.***

Article V- Meetin

- ǒ Preside at all meetings and perform all presidential duties in the absence of the president.
- ǒ Represent the chapter in public relations and official functions.
- ǒ Speak at the induction cerem



NOTE: ALL OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED TO ASSIST WITH AND PARTICIPATE IN THE INDUCTION CEREMONY

Section 2- Members

All NJHS members must maintain an overall 93% average throughout their time at their respective middle school. Members are required to participate in NJHS sponsored programs and activities on a continual basis. Members are expected to attend the monthly meetings. Students must complete 20 hours of service each year and have it verified by an advisor on the service log. Averages and hours will be reviewed by the faculty council as per the National Junior Honor Society Handbook outlining policies and procedures relating to disciplining and dismissal of members. **Should the requirements not be met, students may be subject to dismissal from membership.**

Article VII- Provisions for Amendment and Revision

Section 1

Potential amendments may be brought up at any general meeting or addressed to board members. Amendments will be formally written by the board and then presented for discussion at an advisory meeting.

Section 2

At the beginning of each year, the board shall review and revise the bylaws from the previous year.