

Oak Mountain Middle School

National Junior Honor Society

Dear Parents & Guardians,

We anticipate a year like no other as we welcome our new National Junior Honor Society members. Because of its large size and potential, we plan to be an active and vital part of Oak Mountain Middle School and our community as we have been in the past; however, we know that we will have to be more creative than ever.

Attendance at all scheduled meetings is **required**. We will most likely meet one day each month during advisory in the lunchroom or in the gym while practicing social distancing. Please remind your child to listen to daily announcements and to check the NJHS blog for specific meeting dates. Attendance at meetings is necessary for your child to remain an active NJHS member. In addition to regularly scheduled meetings, your child could be involved in various school and community projects that would require meeting times that would be announced as the school year proceeds.

Your child's membership in the National Junior Honor Society is an honor. Along with this honor, we hope that he/she will develop a sense of pride and leadership for our school and community. To keep the National Junior Honor Society's image in high regard, each member must accept the following responsibilities and guidelines.

1. Members must attend **all** meetings unless they have an **excused absence** from school on that day. On the first unexcused absence, they will receive a warning. **The second unexcused absence will result in probation, while the third unexcused absence calls for dismissal.**
2. Members **must** maintain at least a total of 360 points in the four academic subjects of math, English/language arts, science, and social studies for each nine week grading period. NJHS Advisors will run grade reports for active members every 4.5 weeks. Failure to meet the academic requirements will result in probation. Failure to meet the academic requirements a second time will result in dismissal. There can be only **one** academic probationary period for the year.
3. Members will be required to complete a minimum of **10 hours of community service**. When your child completes service hours, he/she needs to fill out an Individual Community Service Hours sheet and have it signed upon completion of the hours by the leader of the group or organization.
4. Members should receive **no** pink slips. Those committing major offenses including, but not limited to, fighting, abusive language, cheating, damaging property, disrespect or discourtesy, and failing to stay for detention hall will be dismissed from the honor society. All minor offenses, including, but not limited to, chewing gum, dress code violations, excessive talking, and failure to get parent's signature, will be reviewed every 4.5 weeks by advisors. NJHS members who receive a pink slip will be placed on probation. NJHS members who receive a second pink slip during the school year will be dismissed from the honor society.

Members **MUST** understand that deadlines are deadlines. Honor Society Advisors will not send individual reminders to members regarding Toys for Tots, community service hours, permission slips, or anything else for which the member is responsible for turning in on time. Members **MUST**

understand that it is the member's responsibility to listen to the daily announcements, check the blog, and follow instructions. Members *MUST* understand that if a deadline is missed, he/she will not be permitted to participate in NJHS-related activities.

Parents will be notified if their child is put on probation or dismissed.

We feel that your child can meet these high standards, or he/she would not have been tapped for membership. Please help us enforce these standards, so that the National Junior Honor Society is truly an organization for outstanding students.

Sincerely,

Honor Society Advisors
Lauren Gingras
Chad Burdett
Sharon Colley

Both parents and members are asked to sign and detach the bottom portion of this letter and return it to Mrs. Gingras in room B-20 by Tuesday, November 10th.

Please cut this form on the line below and return it by November 10, 2020. Any form and payment not received by Tuesday, November 10, 2020 will result in membership becoming inactive. Inactive members may re-apply for active membership second semester in order to participate in tapping and induction activities.

I have read the prior letter and agree to follow its responsibilities and guidelines. I also agree to electronically pay the \$40 dues that are used for membership, our annual Christmas project, the spring induction reception, and an NJHS t-shirt. Please indicate upon your on-line payment what size shirt you wish order. (These are adult sizes.)

Use this link to make your on-line payment regarding your dues: <https://tinyurl.com/yxrwlamo>

Student's name [**print**] _____

Student's signature _____

Parent's signature _____

Parent's e-mail address _____