

## Additional NJHS Member Obligations

**Dues.** NJHS members pay annual chapter dues of \$20.00, due within 30 days of induction and then by April 15 of each year following. [For 2019, inaugural inductees will only pay \$10 in dues, due within 30 days of induction.] Chapter dues help fund chapter activities and fulfill chapter fees.

**Meeting Attendance.** Members are expected to attend all scheduled membership meetings, which occur quarterly (twice quarterly for officers). Members who cannot attend a scheduled meeting must provide a written excuse to the Chapter advisors signed by the member and their parent. Students must dress up on meeting days and on other occasions. Officers must also dress up on their meeting days. This is true for dress down days. More about the dress code will be discussed after induction.

**When Membership Obligations Are Not Met.** Members who have been unable to fulfill obligations of our NJHS' Chapter are notified in writing that they are on probationary status. Those on probation for scholarship will have no less than one academic quarter and no more than two academic quarters to demonstrate their ability and willingness to fulfill all obligations of membership in order to be considered a member in good standing. If they are unable to maintain membership obligations, the Faculty Council will hold a hearing to consider the member's dismissal from the Chapter.

With questions, please consult the ABVMCES National Junior Honor Society Bylaws located on the school's website. With additional questions, contact the ABVMCES Chapter Advisor.

## Timeline for NJHS Induction

**Mid-January.** Invitations to complete a Candidate Interest Packet to the ABVMCES Chapter of National Junior Honor Society are mailed. The initial invitation is based on scholarship. The student and his/her parents decide if the child will complete interest packet. Completion of Interest Packet does not guarantee membership into the Chapter.

**Mid-February.** Candidate Interest Packets are due to the NJHS adviser. Official due date is identified in invitation.

**Mid-Late February.** The ABVMCES Faculty Council meets with the NJHS advisor to review and vote on candidates for membership.

**Late February.** NJHS acceptance letters are mailed to approved candidates. If there are students who are not invited to join at this time, the advisor sends them a letter as well.

**Mid March.** ABVMCES's National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony is held.

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## National Junior Honor Society: About the Five Pillars

Membership is conferred upon candidates based on the Chapter Requirements as determined by the Faculty Council. Definitions of the Five Pillars of NJHS can be found here. Membership in NJHS is an honor. To prove worthy of the honor, members of this national society must meet obligations of the Chapter for each pillar, outlined here.

**Scholarship.** Prerequisite GPA: 3.800. "Although the academic criterion is important and should be considered first, membership should never be considered on the basis of grades alone, even though a Faculty Council may consider scholarship as the most important of the criteria." (p. 38, NJHS Handbook) A student must maintain a 3.800 GPA or better during their middle school years to be invited to show interest in membership in the ABVMCES Chapter.

*Member Obligations to Scholarship.*  
As an Honor Society, we possess high expectations for members' academic performance. NJHS members must maintain a 3.800 GPA each Quarter.

**Citizenship.** The candidate applying for membership into NJHS understands the importance of civic engagement, has a high regard for freedom and justice; and respects the law for all citizens at the school level. This will be evidenced by an absence of disciplinary infractions at the school level and participation in activities such as scouting, community organizations, and school clubs as indicated in sections VI and VII of the Candidate Packet.

*Member Obligations to Citizenship.*  
All members comply with school rules. Code of Conduct referrals, detentions, or suspension for behavior issues are not acceptable for members of NJHS.

**Leadership.** To meet the leadership criterion for NJHS, a student should name at least three leadership roles at school or in the community achieved since Grade 6 and indicate the roles and the name of the adult who supervised each of these activities on the Candidate Form. (p.40, NJHS Handbook) Leadership roles may include, but not be limited to: moderating, directing, choreographing, editing, advising, and role-modeling among groups of younger, like-age or older peer groups or classes.

*Member Obligations to Leadership.*  
Members of NJHS act as student leaders, providing a positive role model to other Assumption School students and within the community.

**Service.** "To be selected as a member of the ABVMCES Chapter, a candidate should demonstrate on his or her Candidate Form, the completion of at least three different service activities totaling ten hours or more of service undertaken at school or in the community since the start of Grade 6. (p. 41, NJHS Handbook.) Examples of service include, but are not limited to: volunteering at schoolwide events, or volunteering at local non-profit agencies.

*Member Obligations to Service.*  
The Chapter will complete a minimum of one service project per year. All members participate and promote the NJHS Group Service Projects. Additionally, members independently complete hours of service, averaging four hours per grading period. Hours are approved by the Advisor prior to completion. This service may be completed through a church group, a scout group, a community volunteer effort, and/or opportunities offered at Assumption School.

**Character.** NJHS is a member of the Character Counts Coalition and uses their six "Pillars of Character" to define itself. They are: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. The Faculty Council will determine if these qualities are present in the student reviewing the following kinds of information: faculty input forms, letters of recommendations, personal pillar video, school records such as discipline and behavior logs, conduct and responsibility ratings and comments on report cards.

*Member Obligation to Character.*  
Members of NJHS strive to develop the following character traits: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship.

