

# Eligibility Criteria for National Junior Honor Society Selection

## Attendance

Student must have attended Brewster Middle School for the equivalence of 1 semester.

Exception: Due to changes caused by military orders, students may be inducted prior to the first semester mark if their previous school's principal, counselor, or chapter adviser recommends to the Principal of Brewster Middle School that the students be inducted.

Sixth grade students cannot be inducted until the second semester of their 6<sup>th</sup> grade year. This gives the students time to establish themselves academically and the teachers/faculty to get to know them.

## Scholarship

Prerequisite GPA of 3.5. Meeting the GPA prerequisite can make a student eligible for consideration, but it does not guarantee selection. Once inducted into the NJHS, the student must maintain this GPA to stay in NJHS. If a student is failing a class, but his/her overall average is not below 90%, the student will not be penalized. However, he/she will be encouraged to bring up that grade.

Students who meet the eligibility criteria will be invited to apply, based on the following:

- **Leadership**

Students are required to hold some form of a leadership position. This is defined as any position that they are directly responsible for motivating or directing others. Examples of this can be team captain, class officer, committee chair, section leaders in band or chorus.

- **Service:**

Any action completed by a student where they were not compensated with money or materials. This can be any contribution made to the school, community, and classmates.

- **Citizenship:**

A student demonstrates citizenship by having a high regard for freedom and justice. They will participate in activities with maturity and responsibility and understands the importance of civic involvement.

- **Character:**

NJHS follows the six pillars of character- trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. Students need to be able to take criticism willingly and accept recommendations graciously. They will be held to the highest standards of honesty and reliability.

All areas will be reviewed and voted on by the faculty council members, and all this will be reviewed by the principal for acceptance into the NJHS. All reviews and selections will be free of speculation and rumor.