

The Petrides School Educational Excellence in the 21st Century

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National Elementary School Honor Society

Membership REQUIREMENTS

Students who excel academically and model exceptional responsibility can become members of the Michael J. Petrides School chapter of National Elementary School Honor Society through a local selection process that concludes with induction at our Grades 5 – 7 Awards Ceremony in June.

Membership provides an outstanding means to prepare and shape students for their middle level and high school experiences.

Students in grade 5, who have been enrolled at the school for the equivalent of one semester, and who meet the cumulative GPA requirement (Scholarship) set by their school's chapter, are eligible to be candidates for membership.

A faculty council is required to evaluate and select new members, and a majority vote of the council is required for selection.

- **Scholarship**
Per national guidelines, at a minimum, students must have a cumulative GPA of 90 or equivalent standard of excellence. Our school's faculty council will review the third marking period report card grades during selection.
- **Responsibility** – Positive qualities of responsibility may include high standards of honesty and reliability, demonstrating courtesy, concern, and respect of others, and good citizenship. Our school's faculty council will review the citizenship and teacher comments from the third marking period report card for selection.

In addition to the GPA and citizenship requirement, candidates for selection must complete an application for review. The application includes:

1. A completed teacher recommendation form
2. Proof of 15 hours of community service. The candidate must demonstrate **service**, which is defined through "the voluntary contributions made by a student to the school or community, done without compensation and with a positive courteous, and enthusiastic spirit". Some examples of school or community service are:
 - Peer tutoring another student during your lunch time
 - Assisting a teacher during your lunch time
 - Volunteering in an elementary school classroom during your during lunch time
 - Helping the librarian of the school during your lunch time
 - Assistant coaching a youth sports team
 - Volunteering at a local food pantry
 - Spending time with an elderly patient at a nursing home
 - Volunteering at your religious institution
 - Volunteering at an animal shelter
 - Volunteering during after school events, such as the 4th grade Luau, Winter Concert or the Spring musical
3. A 250 word essay explaining why you are a good candidate for our school's chapter of NEHS.

Applications are due to the office of B. Souffrin (B217) or P. Harrigan (B218) **ON or BEFORE May 1, 2025.**

Once selected and inducted, members must continue to demonstrate these qualities, and participate in chapter activities to build and improve their Leadership and Service skills. Members must also continue to maintain standards of academic excellence.

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National Elementary School Honor Society Recommendation Sheet

Use this form to record the appropriate signatures needed for the NJHS application process.

ELA Teacher Recommendation

I testify that the above named student is of good character and would be an appropriate choice for the National Junior Honor Society.

Please circle one

I do Recommend

I do not recommend

Teacher Signature

Date

Mathematics Teacher Recommendation

I testify that the above named student is of good character and would be an appropriate choice for the National Junior Honor Society.

Please circle one

I do Recommend

I do not recommend

Teacher Signature

Date

Science Teacher Recommendation

I testify that the above named student is of good character and would be an appropriate choice for the National Junior Honor Society.

Please circle one

I do Recommend

I do not recommend

Teacher Signature

Date

Social Studies HMH Teacher Recommendation

I testify that the above named student is of good character and would be an appropriate choice for the National Junior Honor Society.

Please circle one

I do Recommend

I do not recommend

Teacher Signature

Date

Physical Education Teacher Recommendation

I testify that the above named student is of good character and would be an appropriate choice for the National Junior Honor Society.

Please circle one

I do Recommend

I do not recommend

Teacher Signature

Date

Elective Teacher Recommendation

I testify that the above named student is of good character and would be an appropriate choice for the National Junior Honor Society.

Please circle one

I do Recommend

I do not recommend

Teacher Signature

Date

I certify that my application is complete and honest _____

The application deadline is May 1, 2025. An application does not guarantee admittance into the NJHS. The Petrides Faculty Council will review records. Late applications will not be considered.

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National Elementary School Honor Society Record of Community Service

*Use this form to record service credit for appropriate activities for the National Junior Honor Society
 A minimum of 20 hours is required*

Student Name _____ Grade level _____

Date of service	Sponsoring organization and telephone number	Number of hours	Description of service	Name of sponsor/contact person	Signature of supervisor

STUDENT CERTIFICATION: I certify that I have performed the above community service:

 Student Signature

 Date

PARENT CERTIFICATION: I Certify that the above-named student has performed the community service indicated. You may call me if you have follow up questions.

 Parent Signature

 Date

Acceptable service includes: volunteer work for official community and/or religious organizations; or voluntary work for the school for which the student receives no other credit or compensation.

Activities that cannot be counted toward NJHS service: activities associated with classes and other clubs. Activities for which the student is paid. Activities done in the student's household, such as babysitting a cousin or sibling.

**Remember to keep a copy of all forms for yourself.
 HOURS DUE to your faculty advisor on or before May 1, 2025**