

# National Junior Honor Society

*National Junior Honor Society has established its first NJHS chapter at Hickory Creek Middle School in 2017. National Junior Honor Society is one of the most distinguished organizations in the nation. NJHS not only recognizes academic scholarship, but in addition celebrates students who exemplify character, leadership, service, and citizenship. as active members of the school chapter. The objectives of the organization are: “to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership, and to encourage the development of character in the students.”*

## All Applicants Must Meet the following Criteria:

- 3.8 cumulative GPA (all eligible applicants will receive an invitation)
- Completed candidate application form (students were provided one with invitation / also on website )
- 6th, 7th & 8th graders will be eligible to apply in 2017
- 4 Hours of Approved Service-initial application (2 being HCMS-related)
- Completed Essay (prompt & rubric in application packet & on website)

## Rating of Applicants:

- Essay– scored with rubric (attached to application, also on website)
- Faculty Council : scored with rubric (website) in areas of leadership (x2), character (x2), citizenship, and service. Due to the 3.8 GPA requirement, applicants automatically receive 4 points for scholarship. One additional point can be added to an applicant’s total for a positive referral from faculty not serving on the Faculty Council, consequently, one point can be subtracted for character concerns from



**Faculty Advisers: Stacy Rutovic & Renee' Grady**

**Administrative Adviser: William Z. Seidelmann**

## Important Deadlines

**By March 24th-** NJHS Invitation to apply will be sent to all qualifying 6th, 7th & 8th graders

**March 7th:** Applications due to Mrs. Rutovic (2608) or Ms. Grady (Room 2812) by 2:30 p.m. (no late applications will be accepted) Must be submitted in person, as signature of receipt is required.

**Early April:** Candidates will be notified of acceptance into NJHS. Please note, not every student who applies necessarily makes it. Students must earn a minimum of 85% of the total rubric points to be considered for membership.