

National Junior Honor Society

Canonsburg Middle School Candidate Evaluation Guidelines

Students who have first qualified academically for membership into the Canonsburg Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society will then be reviewed on the basis of their character and community/school involvement, as described in their student application and faculty input.

The following point-system and guidelines will be applied to the student application to determine whether or not a candidate is accepted into the society.

In the category of co-curricular activities, the student will receive:

- 4 points if they are involved in 5 or more activities
- 2 points if they are involved in 3 or 4 activities
- 1 point if they are involved in 1 or 2 activities
- 0 points if they are not involved in any co-curricular activities

In the category of leadership positions, the student will receive:

- 4 points if they have held 4 or more leadership positions
- 3 points if they have held 3 leadership positions
- 2 points if they have held 1 or 2 leadership positions
- 0 points if they have not held any leadership positions

In the category of essay response, please check on the CMS homepage (under School Links) for updated 2021 NJHS Essay rubric.

In the category of work experience, recognition and awards, no point system will be applied; those recognitions and awards will be evaluated holistically by the faculty council in relation to the student's overall application.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic providing a lack of community service opportunities, in the category of service activities, no point system will be applied; those services will be evaluated holistically by the faculty council in relation to the student's overall application.

The following point system will be applied to the student's application if any apply:

Discipline

Should your child have had any disciplinary infractions those infractions may be shared with the members of the faculty committee for evaluation purposes.

Negative Comments

If a student receives one (1) negative comment from the faculty, that student will lose 2 points from his/her overall application score.

If a student receives two (2) negative comments from the faculty, that student will lose 4 points from his/her overall application score.

If a student receives more than two (2) negative comments from the faculty, that student will become ineligible for membership, regardless of their application's current point standing.

Note: Depending on the severity of the behavioral/ethical infraction such as but not limited to: plagiarism, cheating, fighting and stealing, the student could automatically become ineligible regardless of their application's current point standing.

Positive Comments

No point system will be applied to positive comments written by the faculty, however, those comments will be considered and reviewed by the council and may result in an additional one (1) or two (2) points being added to the application score, depending on the behavior mentioned. Such behaviors can include, but are not limited to: going above and beyond to help another student, going above and beyond to help the school community, etc. Each positive comment will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

The above point system and guidelines will be used to calculate whether or not a candidate is accepted into the society. Students who score a minimum of (10) ten points are invited to be part of the National Jr. Honor Society.