



**NJHS
Hardyston Middle School
Selection Procedure**

The National Junior Honor Society chapter of Hardyston Middle School is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of this prestigious national organization. Membership is open to those students who meet the required standards in five areas of evaluation: scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. Students are selected for membership by majority vote of a five-member principal-appointed faculty council, which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty of our school each Spring.

Students in grades seven and eight are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 85 or better. Each spring those students who meet this criterion are invited to complete a Candidate Form that provides the faculty council with information regarding the candidate's leadership and service. Participation in at least one activity for each of the areas- leadership, service, student activities, and community activities is advised.

To evaluate a candidate's character, the faculty council uses two forms of input. First, school disciplinary records are reviewed. Second, members of the faculty are solicited for input regarding their professional reflections on a candidate's service activities, character, and leadership.

Any solicited faculty input and all Candidate Forms are carefully reviewed by the faculty council to determine membership. During this process, names are not disclosed to the faculty council. The faculty advisor will share the information provided by the candidate and members of the faculty with the council. A majority vote of the council is necessary for selection. Candidates are notified regarding selection or non selection according to a predetermined schedule.

Following notification, a formal induction ceremony is held at the school to recognize all the newly selected members. Once inducted, new members are required to maintain the same level of performance (or better) in all four criteria that led to their selection.