

Jonas E. Salk Middle School



National Junior Honor Society



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FAQ

1. What is the National Junior Honor Society?

The National Junior Honor Society chapter of Jonas E. Salk Middle School welcomes membership to seventh and eighth grade students who meet the required standards in five areas of evaluation: scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character. Membership in the National Junior Honor Society is more than an honor. Members exhibit the five pillars that exemplify this prestigious organization.

2. What are the five pillars of the NJHS?

The five pillars of the NJHS are scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character.

3. Who can apply for membership into NJHS?

Students with a cumulative GPA of 92 or above for six consecutive quarters may be invited to apply for NJHS membership in the spring of seventh or eighth grades.

4. Can my child reapply for NJHS membership?

Absolutely. Students may reapply for membership in the spring of eighth grade.

5. How many school and community service hours are required for membership consideration?

Ten hours of school service and ten hours of community service are required to be eligible for consideration for membership.

6. What is the application process?

In order to be considered for membership, students must complete each step of the application procedure. *See application attached.*

7. Why wouldn't my child be granted membership?

Students must uphold the basic principles of R.I.S.E (Respect, Integrity, Safety, and Empathy). Students who do not comply with Salk's Code of Conduct may not receive membership in the NJHS.

8. Who determines my child's eligibility for membership?

Applications are reviewed by the Faculty Council on the basis of the five areas of membership requirement.

9. What school and community services can my child participate in?

Only the activities on the attached list will count. Family responsibilities such as chores will not count.

10. Can I sign my child's school and community service hours?

Parents and family members **may not** sign for school or community service hours.

11. What proof does my child need to receive credit for community service hours?

To receive credit for any community service hours, a student must provide documentation of participation, a signature on the application is not sufficient evidence.

12. What qualifies as an incomplete application?

Incomplete applications will not be considered for membership. Incomplete applications include but are not limited to:

- Missing teacher, adult supervisor signatures
- Insufficient hours
- Incomplete/missing essay

13. When should my child begin accruing school and community services hours to prepare for the application process?

Students may begin accruing hours in September of sixth grade.

14. How will I be notified of my child's acceptance in the NJHS?

Acceptance letters will be mailed home a couple of weeks after applications are due.

15. How much are the NJHS dues?

Students pay a membership fee of \$10.

16. What are dues used for?

Dues are collected to fund various events like the induction ceremony and fundraisers throughout the year.



Application for Jonas E. Salk's Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society

Directions: Please complete each section in ink. Do not be modest. Every bit of information can be used to assist with the selection process. Completion of this form does not guarantee selection. Be sure to turn in your completed forms, complete with required signatures, no later than **Thursday, February 28th, by 2:55 PM.** All questions about this form must be asked prior to the due date. Completed applications may be dropped off in the main office.

Student Name _____ Grade _____

I. School Activities: List any school-related activities you have participated in for sixth, seventh, and/or eighth by indicating how many hours were earned.

Examples of school activities: school activities/clubs, NYSSMA, Spelling Bee, sporting events

SCHOOL ACTIVITY	No. of hours per grade level			Teacher or Adult Supervisor Signature
	6	7	8	

II. Community/Service: List community/service activities you have participated in for sixth, seventh, and/or eighth by indicating how many hours were earned. These can be service projects done with a group either in or out of school, or done as individual projects. Service activities are those which are done for or on behalf of others (not including immediate family members) for which no compensation (monetary or other) has been given.

Examples of community service: fundraising, peer tutoring, religious, scouting

COMMUNITY SERVICE	No. of hours per grade level			Signature of Adult Supervisor	Evidence attached Yes/No
	6	7	8		



Statement: I certify that all the above statements are accurate. If I am selected for membership, I pledge my involvement in the activities and projects of the Jonas E. Salk Chapter. I understand that I may be dismissed from the NJHS any time I fall below any of the society's standards.

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____

PARENT SIGNATURE _____

GUIDANCE COUNSELOR SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

