



RKA Chapter of NJHS/NHS 2022-23 Guidelines for Invitation, Induction, Recognition

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National Junior Honor Society (7th & 8th Grade):

- **7th grade students (Class of 2028):** Students will be invited in the Spring of your 7th grade year based on your grades from all of 6th grade through January of 7th grade.
 - Once invited, students will need to complete the application process (including the application, dues, two staff recommendations (via Google Form), a short essay relating to the pillars of NHS (Character, Service, Citizenship, Scholarship, Leadership), and complete 5 hours of community service (can be from points menu and/or service done throughout their 7th grade year).
 - The Induction Ceremony will be held in May for students who complete all requirements by April 26, 2023.
- **8th grade students (Class of 2027):** **This only applies to students who completed honor society in their 7th grade year (academic year 2021-22).**
 - You will now need to attend 6 out of the 8 meetings held throughout this school year, participate in at least one of the three school related NJHS/NHS event/drives (such as Pajama drive, Food Drive, Community Clean-up, etc.), and complete 10 hours of community service (in addition to the drive participation), and pay dues by April 26, 2023.
 - Students will be acknowledged and receive their certificate and stoles at the end of year 8th Grade Award Ceremony.
 - Students who do not complete the the requirements will not receive the certificate and stole
 - *In addition, new admits to Grade 8 will be reviewed by the NJHS/ NHS Faculty Committee by the end of September.*
 - *Any student in grade 8 who was eligible for induction in Spring of 22, but did not complete the membership requirements must express interest in joining by writing SLockhart@schools.nyc.gov by the October '22 meeting and complete the application and 5 hours of community service by January 31, 2023 (as well as the requirements for 22-23).*
- **NJHS Student Officers (rising 8th graders):**
 - **Positions:** President, Vice President, Officers (2)
 - Officers will be selected by the Faculty Committee for 2022-23 and elected by their peers at the September meeting in following years.

- Officers will research and present ideas for drives and events, determine roles needed at each event and help plan the ceremonies and trip (April)

National Honor Society (9th-12th Grade):

- **9th grade students (Class of 2026):**
 - Maintain your academics within the 85% or above cumulative GPA for both terms this year to work towards your invitation for the Spring of your sophomore year.
- **10th grade students (Class of 2025):**
 - You will now need to attend 6 out of the 8 meetings held throughout this school year, participate in at least one of the three school related NJHS/ NHS event/drives (such as Pajama drive, Food Drive, Community Clean-up, etc.), and complete 10 hours of community service (in addition to the drive participation) by April 26, 2023.
 - For 2022-23 only, Students will be acknowledged and receive their certificate only at the end of year 9-11th Grade Award Ceremony.
 - *Any student in grade 10 who was eligible for induction in Spring of 22, but did not complete the membership requirements must express interest in joining by writing SLockhart@schools.nyc.gov by the October '22 meeting and complete the application and 5 hours of community service by January 31, 2023 (as well as the requirements for 22-23).*
- **11th grade students (Class of 2024): This only applies to students who completed honor society in their 10th grade year (academic year 2021-22).**
 - You will now need to attend 6 out of the 8 meetings held throughout this school year, participate in at least one of the three school related NJHS/ NHS event/drives (such as Pajama drive, Food Drive, Community Clean-up, etc.), and complete 10 hours of community service (in addition to the drive participation) by April 26, 2023.
 - For 2022-23 only, Students will be acknowledged and receive their certificate only at the end of year 9-11th Grade Award Ceremony.
 - *Any student in grade 11 who was eligible for induction in Spring of 22, but did not complete the membership requirements must express interest in joining by writing SLockhart@schools.nyc.gov by the October '22 meeting and complete the application and 5 hours of community service by January 31, 2023 (as well as the requirements for 22-23).*
 - **Beginning with the Class of 2024:** Seniors will need to participate in the Senior Service Drive (such as a Blood Drive) during their Fall term to receive their stole for graduation.
- **NHS Student Officers (rising 11th graders):**

- Positions: President, Vice President, Officers (2)
- Officers will be selected by the Faculty Committee for 2022-23 and elected by their peers at the September meeting in following years.
- Officers will research and present ideas for drives and events, determine roles needed at each event and help plan the ceremonies and trip (April).
- **12th grade students (Class of 2023): This is the last graduating class in which seniors will be invited in September based on their junior year academics (85% or above cumulative GPA)**
 - This is the last high school graduating class that will only be needing to complete the online application, pay dues, and complete and submit 10 hours of community service by April 26, 2023.
 - **Beginning with the Class of 2024:** *Seniors will need to participate in the Senior Service Drive (such as a Blood Drive) during their Fall term to receive their stole for graduation.*

Questions should be addressed to Slockhart@schools.nyc.gov.

National Honor Society / National Junior Honor Society		
Requirements for Induction- SY 22-23		
Students will be invited to join the Honor Society based on the following criteria. Students must pay the dues and complete the other requirements before induction.		
**Requirements for the 22-23 school year have changed significantly. We would also like to encourage greater student engagement with and participation in community service activities in our school. We would also like to add a bit more meaning to being a member of the Honor Society itself.		
The following students are continuing members who will be included in NJHS/NHS for the '22-23 school year.		
Grade 8, 10 and 11 (Class of '27, '25, '24		
Members whose GPA falls below 85% are considered "not in good standing" and may not participate in the trip or other recognition activities		
The following students will be invited to apply in Spring '23 and join based on this criteria:		
Students in current grades 7- 85% cumulative GPA for the both 6th grade terms, and term 1 of their 7th grade year		
Special Circumstances		
Members whose GPA falls below 85% are considered "not in good standing" and may not participate in the trip or other recognition activities		
New admits to RKA will be evaluated by the end of September		
Any student in grades 8, 10, and 11 who was eligible for induction in Spring of 22, but did not complete the membership requirements must express interest in joining by writing SLockhart@schools.nyc.gov by the October '22 meeting and complete the application and 10 hours of community service by January 31, 2023 (as well as the requirements for 22-23).		
After being invited, the following requirements must be met to be inducted:		
Students must have a good record of Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character. Infractions indicating that the student does not possess these characteristics will prevent a person from being inducted. Infractions include but are not limited to theft, plagiarism, dishonesty, bullying, harassment, violence, weapons, and/or drugs.		

<p>For induction into the National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society in school year 2022-23, we are continuing a point system to promote service to one's community, especially their school community and family. Every Honor Society candidate must either complete 10 hours of community service outside the school or earn 10 points from the menu below. Community points will be verified and tallied and shared with students in the NJHS/NHS GC once per marking period. Final points/hours tabulation will take place April 26. Points will then be verified and official Invites will be sent by May 5.</p>		

Meetings:		

<p>Meetings take place after school typically on the last Monday of the month in Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, March, April for a total of 8. Students must attend and participate in 6 of the 8 meetings.</p>		

<p>Meetings will be led by the NHS and NJHS officers and the Advisor</p>		

<p>During meetings Officers propose a service activity or a drive in meeting and looks for ideas from the group. The general membership offers input on school community service projects and signs up to help with the projects.</p>		

<p>Drive or service events occur 3 times a year- Oct/Nov/Dec, Jan/Feb and March/April. All members must assist in one of the service activities or drives in addition to earning 10 community points. Members should plan ahead to make sure they can participate in one of the events.</p>		

<p>Officers and Advisor will meet at a separate time to investigate causes, plan the trip, and plan the ceremony.</p>		

Recognition		

<p>All inductees will be invited to an Induction Ceremony in the Spring. The NHS/ NJHS Induction Ceremony will be May 16 (tentative and format TBD).</p>		

<p>Members in good standing are invited to the Honor Society Trip tentatively scheduled for 4/28/23</p>		

<p>Beginning with high school graduation Class of '24, only Seniors who have been in National Honor Society for Grades 10-12 and are in good standing will wear the stole at graduation.</p>		

<p>Beginning with middle school Class of '27, only 8th graders who have been in National Junior Honor Society for Grades 7 and 8 and are in good standing will wear the stole at graduation</p>		

ACTIVITY-	Points	Documentation required
Participate in a club 10 weeks or more*	5 pts	Host or Advisor submits list at end of activity
Participate in Academic Contest (Reading, Poetry, Essay) *	5 points	
Submission of art or writing piece to Lit Magazine (limited to 2 points no matter how many items are submitted to mag	2 points	
Student government*	5 pts	
Participate in Other Contest (pumpkin carving, gingerbread house, etc)*	2 pts	
Outside service activity/ Volunteering outside of the school	1 point per hour	Letter from organization handed in with log

**More items may be added as the year progresses.