

# Marshall Durham Middle School

## National Junior Honor Society

2009-2010

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Dear NJHS parents and students:

Welcome to NJHS. This letter serves to inform you regarding NJHS duties and requirements.

This is my third year as a NJHS sponsor. I am looking forward to working with this exemplary bunch.

Please visit the Durham Middle School website often for reminders and sign up for the SchoolWeb site (for members and parents only). The link is provided on the NJHS main page on the Durham website at <http://www.lisd.net/schools/durham/index.htm>. The "members/parents only" page is located on a link there or at <http://moodleweb1.lisd.net/schoolweb2/course/enrol.php?id=1207>. The key to enter is *njhs*.

The National Junior Honor Society's purpose is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, to develop character, and to encourage good citizenship.

Below are the requirements for membership in Durham's NJHS. Attached to this letter is a contract that I would like you to review with your child, sign, and return by Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Official meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month after school. This is subject to change. Typically, they begin at 4:15 and end around 5:00. Based on speaker availability, there is one NJHS "power" meeting a month which includes a notable guest speaker. Attendance is required to maintain an active membership. Officers will need to attend additional meetings.

In order to remain in National Junior Honor Society, students must maintain the academic standards which recommended them. Any failing grade will put students on probation. Students are allowed one probation period of six weeks. More than one probation period will result in dismissal from National Junior Honor Society. Additionally, two office referrals will result in a dismissal.

To stay in good standing, twenty points must be maintained per semester. Points can be accumulated through the attendance of meetings, committees, fundraisers and service projects.

Thank you,

JaNelle Pluff

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Contract

I have read and understood the requirements and standards of NJHS. I recognize that my leadership, scholarship, and character have placed me among this exemplary group of students.

I am fully aware of the requirements and am aware that I may be dismissed if I do not maintain the standards of scholarship, leadership, service and character that were used as a basis for my selection.

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents,

Please provide contact information here. Email is preferred. Thank you.

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

This contract is due to Mrs. Pluff by Wednesday, September 28, 2009.

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### ***What is the point system?***

The point system is put in place to make sure that you maintain an active membership.

### ***How many points do I need a semester?***

Members need to accumulate at least 20 points per semester.

### ***How do I do that?***

By attending meetings, participating in club activities and service projects.

### ***What equals one point?***

Activity	Point Value
Monthly Meeting	1 point
"Power" Meeting	2 points
Club-Sponsored Activity	1 point per hour
Service Projects	1 point per hour

### ***What is a club-sponsored activity?***

This includes serving on a committee, participating in fund-raising activities such as Boo Buddies, and participating in club events.

### ***What service projects can I do?***

We have an Adopt-a-Spot in front of the school. We clean this area monthly by picking up litter. This equals one hour per month. You may be a "helper" to teachers and coaches. They will need to fill out and sign your form. Additional projects are posted as the school year proceeds.

Projects we did last year:  
CCA Food Drive  
Adopt-A-Spot  
Spring Clean-Up

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***May I do some service projects on my own, outside of school?***

You may do additional charitable activities with your parents. Have the organization fill out and sign your form.