



Shadow Ridge Middle School National Junior Honor Society Bylaws

All NJHS chapters function under a single national constitution and local chapters must adopt bylaws to the constitution to establish local procedures, as noted in Article XVI, Sections 1 and 2.

Article I: Name and Purpose

1. The name of this organization shall be the Shadow Ridge Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.
2. The purpose of the organization shall be to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, to develop character, and to encourage citizenship in the student body.
3. Shadow Ridge is a member of the National Junior Honor Society and will meet the general requirements of the national organization.

Article II: Membership

Membership in the SRMS chapter is both an honor and responsibility bestowed upon seventh and eighth grade students. Those selected for membership are expected to continue to demonstrate the qualities of character, scholarship, leadership, service and citizenship.

Selection Process for Membership:

1. Cumulative average thus far of 92.0. Advanced classes are weighted. Average is based on 6th and 7th grade core classes for 7th grade candidates and 6th, 7th, and 8th grade core classes for 8th grade candidates.
2. Endorsement by faculty familiar with their accomplishments (average of 40 points from each teacher). Faculty evaluates candidates based on character, service, and leadership skills.
3. Students that meet the minimum average and receive endorsement by faculty must also complete and return (by a specific date and time) a Shadow Ridge Middle School National Junior Honor Society application. Those who do not obtain and complete the application will not be considered eligible for membership in NJHS.
4. If a student declines membership in 7th grade, they will not be considered again for 8th grade induction.

Article III: Membership Requirements

1. Induction

Candidates become members when inducted at the school ceremony. A student that transfers from another school shall be accepted automatically as a member of the SRMS chapter when he/she submits documentation from the previous chapter sponsor and/or principal.

2. Dues and Fundraising

The dues for each member shall be \$12.00 payable by the end of the year of induction (date will be provided by chapter sponsors). **Please see a chapter sponsor regarding any issues with payment of dues.** Use of funds (dues and fundraising) are for chapter t-shirts, service projects/supplies, induction ceremony, and meeting supplies. Fundraising for the chapter could be school wide, outside sales, or donations. Members will meet and decide on ways to raise funds if needed.

3. Meetings

In order to conduct business of the chapter and to plan various activities, regular meetings of the chapter are held and attended by all members. Meetings dates will be announced and posted. All meetings are held during Advisory to accommodate scheduling conflicts. An absence may be excused for the following:

- Medical appointment

- Excused absence from school

- Academic tutoring in which case the student will secure a written excuse from the teacher

- Extracurricular or other academic course requiring student attendance (for example: tennis)

4. Service Hours and Chapter Projects

Members must complete 15 hours of community service over the course of the year following induction (Aug.- April, due in May). These can be obtained in or out of school, but cannot be the service projects of the chapter. Hours must be documented on the SRMS Service Hour documentation page (available on SRMS NJHS website). Members will meet and decide on chapter service projects and are expected to participate in all projects.

5. Remain in good standing

Members will continue to demonstrate all characteristics for which he/she was selected as well as fulfill any and all responsibilities. Members will maintain a 90.0 or higher core class average.

Article IV: Dismissal

1. Members who fail to meet the chapter's requirements with regard to attendance, grades, or service will meet with their advisor and will have adequate time and opportunity to work toward improving their situation before any action toward dismissal is considered.

2. Members are expected to maintain the standards of character, leadership, and service, which were the basis for their selection. If a member acts in an unsatisfactory manner or that is deemed by school officials as unbecoming of an NJHS representative can result in probation (for 9 weeks) or immediate dismissal. If a student is dismissed or resigns he/she may never again become a member of the SRMS chapter.

3. If a member is caught cheating; the member will be put on probation for 9 weeks. If the member is caught cheating after being put on probation, he or she will automatically be dismissed.

4. After repeated unexcused absences for regularly scheduled meetings, a notice will be given. If one more unexcused absence occurs, the member will be placed on probation for 9 weeks. Any additional unexcused absences occurring while on probation will result in dismissal.

Article V: Chapter Officers

1. Officers of NJHS shall be elected by formal nomination and secret ballot at the September meeting. A majority vote is necessary for election. Officers will aid the sponsors in different tasks that promote success of the chapter. Members that are interested in being an officer must understand the requirements needed from them; including extra meetings. Officer requirements will be provided to all those interested by the sponsors prior to the September meeting. Officers preside over the induction ceremony.

Acknowledgement

I, _____, understand and agree to follow all guidelines outlined in the Shadow Ridge Middle School NJHS Bylaws.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____