

# National Junior Honor Society,

## Saints Peter and Paul School Chapter Bylaws

- Students earning a cumulative average of at least 94% for grades 6 through the 1<sup>st</sup> trimester of 8<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible for consideration on the basis of service, leadership, citizenship and character.
- Students who are eligible scholastically should complete the Student Information Form for further consideration. This form outlines the candidate's achievements in service and leadership. This is not considered an application; it is supplemental information on which the council may base its decision.
- Each student must submit 3 Faculty Evaluation Forms with his/her Student Information Form. These forms serve as a testament to the student's character.
- Student Information Forms submitted after the assigned due date will not be accepted.
- The faculty council consists of five voting faculty members appointed annually by the principal. No principal or assistant principal may be on the faculty council.
- The principal has the right to approve all activities and decisions of the chapter. This authority extends to selection and dismissal of members. The principal cannot serve as chapter adviser and is not a member of the voting faculty council. The principal receives appeals in the cases of non-selection of candidates and the discipline or dismissal of members.
- The **leadership** criterion is considered highly important for membership selection. The faculty council may wish to interpret leadership in terms of the number of offices (rep. captain etc) a student has held in school or community organizations; however, it is important to recognize that leadership also exists outside elected positions including effective participation in positions of responsibility.
- This list is for consideration. It is not a checklist. **The student who exercises leadership:**
  - Demonstrates initiative in promoting school activities
  - Exercises positive peer influence in upholding school ideals
  - Exemplifies positive attitudes
  - Inspires positive behavior
  - Demonstrates academic initiative
- **Service** is generally considered to be those actions undertaken by a student which are done with or on behalf of others without any direct financial or material compensation.
- **Citizenship** is demonstrated through the mature participation in involvement with Scouting, community organizations, religious organizations and school clubs.

- A person of **character**, as defined by NJHS, demonstrates the following qualities: trustworthiness, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.
- This list is for consideration. It is not a checklist. **The student of character:**
  - Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously
  - Consistently exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior
  - Cooperates by complying with school regulations
  - Demonstrates the highest standards of honesty
  - Regularly shows courtesy, concern and respect for others
  - Observes instructions and rules, is punctual inside and outside the classroom
- Documentation of character may include the following sources: administrative records, conduct and behavior comments on report cards, and Faculty Evaluation Forms.
- The leadership, service and character of all candidates should be reviewed carefully.
- With the vote on each candidate, those candidates receiving a majority vote of the Faculty Council should be invited to be inducted into the chapter. Indicate by marking accepted or rejected on the Faculty Council Evaluation Form.
- **Non-selected students must be weak in one or more of the criteria other than scholarship.**
- **All non-selected candidates should be listed and have those criteria not met listed next to his/her name.**
- Each candidate will be notified by letter of the Faculty Council decision.
- Bylaws will be posted for parent and student review.

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