



## **Lake Norman Charter Middle School National Junior Honor Society Guidelines**

The National Junior Honor Society chapter of Lake Norman Charter School is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of the national organization. Membership is open to students who meet the required pillars in the following areas: scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character. Standards for election are established by the national office of NJHS and have been revised to meet our local chapter needs. Students selected are members of a 6 member Faculty Council which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty of our school in the last month of the school year.

Students in the second semester of grades 7 and 8 are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have grades no lower than a B for the first 3 quarters. Those students who meet this criterion are invited to complete a Student Activity Information form that provides the Faculty Council with information regarding the candidate's leadership and service. Completion of the form does not guarantee selection. A history of leadership experiences and participation in school or community service is also required.

To evaluate a candidate's character, the Faculty Council uses two forms of input. First, school disciplinary records will be reviewed and discussed. Second, members of the faculty are solicited for input regarding their professional reflections on a candidate's service activities, character, citizenship, and leadership. These forms and the Student Activity Information forms are carefully reviewed by the faculty council to determine membership. A majority vote of the Council is necessary for selection. Candidates are notified regarding selection or non-selection.

Following notification, a formal induction ceremony is held at the school to recognize all of the newly selected members. Once inducted, new members are required to maintain the same level of performance or better in all five pillars that led to their selection. This obligation include a regular attendance at chapter meeting during the school year and participation in the service projects.