Selection Process for National Junior Honor Society

The Nation Junior Honor Society chapter of Manchester Academic Charter School is duly chartered and affiliated chapter of this prestigious national organization. Membership is open to those students who meet the required standards in five areas of evaluation: scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character. Standards for selection are established by the national office of NJHS and have been revised to meet our local chapter needs. Students are selected to be members by a 5-member Faculty Council, appointed by the principal, which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty of our school each April.

Student in the second semester of sixth grade or grades seven through eight are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.4 or better on a 4.0 scale. 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. A history of leadership experiences and participation in school or community service is also required. MACS minimal requirements for leadership and service are at least two student activity organizations each year or 10 hours of documented community service.

To evaluate a candidate’s character, the Faculty Council uses two forms of input. First, school disciplinary records are reviewed. Second, members of the faculty are solicited for input regarding their professional reflections on a candidate’s service activities, character, citizenship, and leadership. (These evaluations from the faculty are not required and are options for the chapters at the local level). These forms and the Student Activity Information Forms are carefully reviewed by the Faculty Council to determine membership.

Following notification, a formal induction ceremony is held at the school to recognize all the newly selected members. Once inducted, new members are required to maintain the same level of performance (or better) in all five criteria that lead to their selection. This obligation includes regular attendance at chapter meetings held during the school year, and participation in the chapter service project(s). Students or parents who have questions regarding this selection process or membership obligations can contact the chapter adviser, Rae Lynn Yahrling by phone at 412-322-0585 ext 155 or email at ryahrling@macsk8.org.