

ARTICLE X

Service Hours

- Section 1:** All members will be required to complete twenty (20) hours of individual service hours by the stated deadline. This is in addition to any service projects that the organization does as a whole chapter.
- Section 2:** Ten (10) of these service hours must be at Fruit Cove Middle School and 10 hours will be community service. However, all 20 hours can be performed at Fruit Cove Middle School if desired.
- Section 3:** Only five (10) hours can be carried from summer service hours.
- Section 4:** Students participating in service projects are expected to behave as they would at a school function and to follow directions set by teachers or parents/sponsors.
- Section 5:** Failure to fulfill the required 20 hours of service will prevent the member from participating in the end-of-year field trip.

ARTICLE XI

Annual Membership Dues

- Section 1:** Dues are a necessity to maintain NJHS costs for such events as our annual Induction Ceremony, t-shirts, and end-of-year field trip.
- Section 2:** All dues are considered a tax credit donation.
- Section 3:** The dues assessed to members of this chapter are set at \$10.00 per school year.
- Section 4:** Failure to pay dues by the stated deadline will result in dismissal from the NJHS.
- Section 5:** Dues are non-refundable should a member be dismissed for any reason.

ARTICLE XII

Meetings

- Section 1:** There will be at least four quarterly mandatory meetings throughout the year in order to encourage participation. Meetings will be announced on the daily announcements and the NJHS web page.
- Section 2:** Meetings may also be held prior to major or minor upcoming events or when there are undecided matters to be discussed.
- Section 3:** Officers are required to attend 100% of the officer's meetings unless the absence is excused.
- Section 4:** Failure to attend meetings without prior approval from the adviser will result in a one (1) point (see Article VII Addendum).

Section 2: A member whose cumulative GPA falls below 3.50 at the end of a quarter shall be notified in writing that he/she is being placed on probation for the entire quarter immediately following the grading period. During the probation period, he/she is allowed to participate in all chapter activities except to run for office. If the members' GPA returns to a 3.5 or better at the end of the quarter of probation, the probation will be lifted. Otherwise, the member is subject to dismissal. The member will be notified in writing by the adviser of the right to a hearing. The member also has the right to resign prior to the dismissal.

Section 3: A member who does not submit a copy of his/her quarterly report card to the adviser by the stated deadline will receive a one (1) point deduction per incident (see Article VII Addendum).

Section 4: Resignation from the NJHS shall involve the submission of a written statement by the resigning member that is dated and signed by both the student and his/her parent(s). Verbal resignations are insufficient to end membership.

Section 5: A member who resigns or is dismissed will not be eligible for the NJHS the following year.

Section 6: A member who does not pay the annual dues by the stated deadline will be dismissed from the NJHS.

Section 7: In cases of pending dismissal, the adviser shall permit any member and member's parent(s)/guardian(s) the right to a hearing. The member will be granted five (5) school days in which to file a written appeal to the chapter adviser requesting a hearing. The adviser will schedule a date and notify the student/parent of the date and time of the hearing.

Section 8: Formal appeals following the decision of the faculty adviser hearing should be directed to the principal.

ARTICLE VIII

Chapter Officers

Section 1: The officers of this chapter may include: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Public Relations, or any other officer deemed necessary to carry out the work of the chapter.

Section 2: Candidates for any office must be an eighth grade member.

Section 3: Members on probationary status may not run for an office.

Section 4: Elections shall be held at a set meeting by secret ballot; runoffs will be conducted at that meeting or at an appropriate time.

Section 5: Possible duties of the officers are described below:

The duties of the **PRESIDENT** include but are not limited to:

1. Preside over the NJHS chapter.

ARTICLE IV

Faculty Council

- Section 1:** The faculty council shall consist of five voting faculty members appointed annually by the principal. No principal may be included on the faculty council
- Section 2:** The term of the faculty council shall be one year. Members may be appointed to consecutive terms.
- Section 3:** The chapter adviser shall be an ex-officio, non-voting, sixth member of the faculty council.
- Section 4:** The faculty council shall meet at least once a year to select members and to consider dismissal, non-selection, and warning cases.

ARTICLE V

Selection of Members

- Section 1:** To be eligible for new membership, the candidate must be a member of the seventh or eighth grade class at Fruit Cove Middle School.
- Section 2:** The candidate must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 in core classes. The seventh grade cumulative GPA will be based on the average of both semesters in the sixth grade. The eighth grade cumulative GPA will be the average of both semesters of the seventh grade.
- Section 3:** The candidate must complete the student application, submit three faculty evaluation forms, and submit a copy of their report card from the previous school year. If the student fails to include any of these components for candidacy for the NJHS, they will automatically be disqualified from further consideration.
- Section 4:** Students will not be considered for membership if they have received any disciplinary infractions and/or more than three unexcused absences for the current school year.
- Section 5:** Students meeting these academic and citizenship requirements will then be considered for membership based on outstanding scholarship, service, leadership, and character.
- Section 6:** A description of the selection procedure shall be published on the Fruit Cove Middle School NJHS website. A copy will also be available in the front office. The selection procedure will be determined by the faculty council and shall be consistent with the rules and regulations of the National Junior Honor Society.
- Section 7:** The adviser(s) will issue letters of invitation to students who have met all criteria for scholarship, leadership, service, character, and citizenship.
- Section 8:** To finalize membership, students must show their acceptance of invitation by attending the induction ceremony.