

**National Junior Honor Society
Lingle Middle School
By Laws**

Article I: Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Lingle Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.

Section 2. The purpose of this 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 students of Lingle Middle School.

Section 3. The NJHS shall be under the sponsorship and supervision of the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), 1904 Association Drive, Reston, VA 20191.

Article II: Faculty Council/Chapter Advisor

Section 1. The Faculty Council consists of five voting faculty members, appointed annually by the principal and a Chapter Advisor, who serves as an ex-officio, nonvoting member.

Section 2. The principal or any assistant principal may not serve on the Faculty Council.

Section 3. The term of the faculty council shall be one year. Members may be appointed to consecutive teams.

Section 4. The chapter advisor(s) shall be responsible for the direct supervision of the chapter and act as liaison between staff, administration, students, and community.

- A. The chapter advisor(s) shall maintain files on membership, chapter history, activities, and financial transactions.
- B. The chapter advisor(s) shall send the annual activity report to the national office.
- C. The chapter advisor(s) shall help the executive officers understand and carry out their duties.

Article III: Membership

Section 1. Membership in this chapter is an honor bestowed upon deserving students and shall be based on the criteria of Scholarship, Service, Leadership, Character, and Citizenship. Applicants must prove that they already have these qualities.

Section 2. Eligibility:

- A. Minimum of cumulative grade point average of 3.2.
- B. Candidates eligible for selection to this chapter must be students at LMS.

Section 3. To remain a member in the Lingle Middle School chapter of NJHS, members must do the following:

- A. Attend all meetings. Members are allowed to miss two throughout the course of the year. This is whether the absence is excused or unexcused.
- B. Complete 10 hours of community service hours.
- C. Maintain a 3.2 cumulative GPA.
- D. Follow the rules of the school.

Section 4. Candidates become members when inducted at a special ceremony at the school.

Section 5. A National Junior Honor Society member who transfers to another school and brings a letter from the former principal or Chapter Adviser to the new school adviser shall be accepted automatically as a member in the new school's chapter. Transfer members must meet the chapter's standards within one semester in order to retain membership.

Section 6. Members who resign or are dismissed are never again eligible for membership or its benefits.

Article IV: Selection of Members

Section 1. The selection of each member to the chapter shall be by majority vote of the Faculty Council.

Section 2. A description of the selection procedure shall be published on the Lingle Middle School website which is available to all students and parents of the school. The selection procedure shall be determined by the faculty council and shall be consistent with the rules and regulations of the National Junior Honor Society.

Section 3. The National Council and the NASSP shall not review the judgment of the faculty council regarding selection of individual members to local chapters.

Article V: Chapter Leadership

Section 1. The chapter shall include the offices of President, Vice-President/Service Projects Officer, Secretary/Treasurer, and Historian. The President will preside over all meetings and be responsible for providing an agenda. The Vice-President will assume the role of the President if necessary, will co-chair all committees, and keep a record of all service hours. The Secretary/Treasurer will take notes at all meetings, perform all official correspondence, record and report on all funds. The Historian will maintain a history book documenting chapter activities and projects for the year. These positions will be known as the executive officers.

Section 2. The executive officers will be elected from the rising eighth graders. The officers' election shall be determined by votes from the members of the chapter. Election of the following school year's officers shall be held in the late spring after their induction.

Section 3. All officers must adhere to all guidelines of the by-laws. Failure to maintain academic eligibility and community service hour requirements will result in loss of position and/or dismissal from the chapter.

Article VI: Obligations of members

Section 1. The annual dues for membership in the LMS NJHS is \$10.00. The National Membership dues shall be paid through the activity budget of LMS. Monies collected by LMS NJHS members is to be used for local dues and for the overall operation of the organization.

Section 2. LMS NJHS shall determine 1 or more service projects for each year to help candidates in meeting their required 8 in school hours of community service.

Section 3. These projects shall have the following characteristics: fulfill a need within the school or community, have the support of the administration and staff, be appropriate and educationally defensible, and be well planned, organized and executed.

Section 4. Each member is responsible for obtaining ten hours of community service a year. Hours may be completed with a LMS NJHS service project. Verification sheets must be signed and turned in to the council advisor(s) in a timely manner. All hours must be completed prior to the start of the fourth nine week grading period.

Section 6. Any member not earning these hours or missing more than 3 meetings per year will be subject to dismissal.

Article VII: Discipline/Dismissal

Section 1. The faculty council, in compliance with the rules and regulations of the National Junior Honor Society, has developed the following dismissal procedure.

Section 2. Members who fall below the standards which were the basis for their selection shall be promptly warned in writing by the chapter adviser and given a reasonable amount of time to correct the deficiency. In the case of flagrant violation of school rules or civil laws a member does not, necessarily, have to be warned.

Section 3. The faculty council shall determine when an individual has exceeded a reasonable number of warnings.

Section 4. In all cases of impending dismissal, a member shall have a right to written notification of charges and a hearing before the faculty council.

Section 5. A member who has been dismissed may appeal the decision of the faculty council to the principal.

Section 6. The National Council and the NASSP shall hear no appeals in dismissal cases.