



**Bearden Middle School
National Junior Honor Society
BY-LAWS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

I. Membership

1. At the end of the first semester, the Faculty Advisors shall determine the academic eligibility of the students of Bearden Middle School. At the discretion of the Faculty Advisors, a fall membership class will be determined based on grades from both the first and second semester of the previous year.
2. As stated on the National Junior Honor Society website, eligibility is set by the school to meet their needs. To be eligible for membership in the Bearden Middle School National Junior Honor Society, the candidate must have an academic grade-point average of 3.5 (based upon a 4.0 system.)
3. The grade-point average shall be based upon grades earned in the four core academic classes (ELA, Math, Science & Social Studies).
4. Membership is open to students in seventh and eighth grades.
5. Those eligible for membership, based on grade point average, in Bearden Middle School National Junior Honor Society must complete an application detailing curricular, leadership, and community activities. Applications returned after the specified due date will not be considered.
6. A list of students who have met grade requirements and completed an application will be submitted to the faculty. Faculty members may submit signed comments to the Faculty Advisory Committee concerning students' character and citizenship. The Faculty Advisory Committee will carefully consider each comment.
7. Selection to membership is based on the qualities of scholarship, citizenship, service, leadership, and character.

II. Conduct

1. All members are expected to live by the highest standards of conduct including maintaining satisfactory conduct in all subject areas throughout the school year.

2. Any member who has received ISS (in school suspension) or OSS (out of school suspension) will be placed on conduct probation for nine weeks. If this member again receives ISS or OSS (s)he shall be dismissed from membership.

III. Dues

1. Each new member shall be required to pay membership dues of \$30.00 prior to induction into the Bearden Middle School National Junior Honor Society.
2. Dues scholarships will be available by request to the Chapter advisors.
3. Dues will not be refunded if a member is dismissed from membership.
4. Dues include one NJHS t-shirt to be distributed in the fall semester of the eighth grade year.

IV. Meetings

1. The Chapter shall hold regular monthly meetings. These meetings shall be held at a time and place specified by the Executive Committee.
2. Members are expected to attend all regular meetings. If it is not possible for a member to attend a meeting, that member must notify a Faculty Advisor in writing prior to the meeting.
3. Members are expected to be attentive during meetings. Talking or other disruptive conduct during meetings may result in that member being asked to leave the meeting and being placed on conduct probation.
4. Members who fail to attend two consecutive regular meetings without acceptable reason shall be placed on conduct probation for a grading period.

V. Participation

1. The National Junior Honor Society is a Service Organization. All members are expected to participate in Chapter activities. Members who fail to participate in Chapter activities shall be called before the Executive Committee to explain their reasons for non-participation. If this member continues to fail to participate in Chapter activities, dismissal from membership may result.

2. All eighth-grade members must complete 12 hours of service by the end of the eighth-grade year.

3. Eighth-grade members who are approved for membership in the spring semester must complete 3 hours of service by the end of the eighth-grade year. In the event of a fall membership class, eighth-grade members who are approved for membership in the fall semester must complete 9 hours of service by the end of the eighth-grade year.

VI. Grade Check

It is the responsibility of the Faculty Advisors to ensure that all members maintain the standards of the National Junior Honor Society. At the end of each grading period, report cards will be checked by a Faculty Advisor to ensure that the Chapter members are maintaining the NJHS standards.

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