

# NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY PILLARS

## SCHOLARSHIP

The student who achieves scholarship:

- Is a seventh or eighth grader who has proven him/herself academically by maintaining a cumulative middle school grade point average of 3.5 or above.

## LEADERSHIP

The student who exercises leadership:

- Is resourceful in proposing new problems, applying principles, and making suggestions
- Demonstrates leadership in promoting school activities
- Exercises influence on peers in upholding school ideals
- Contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school
- Is able to delegate responsibilities
- Exemplifies a positive attitude
- Inspires positive behavior in others
- Demonstrates academic initiative
- Successfully holds school offices or positions of responsibility, conducts business efficiently and effectively, and is reliable and dependable without prodding
- Demonstrates leadership in the classroom and in school activities
- Is thoroughly dependable in any responsibility accepted

## SERVICE

The student who serves:

- Is willing to uphold scholarship and maintain a loyal school attitude
- Participates in some outside activity: Girl Scouts; Boy Scouts; church groups; volunteer services for the aged, poor, or disadvantaged; family duties
- Volunteers dependable and well-organized assistance, is gladly available, and is willing to sacrifice to offer assistance
- Works well with others and is willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities
- Cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school
- Is willing to represent the class or school in inter-class and inter-scholastic competition
- Does committee and staff work uncomplainingly
- Shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers, and students

## CHARACTER

The student of character:

- Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously
- Constantly exemplifies desirable qualities of personality (cheerfulness, friendliness, poise, stability)
- Upholds principles of morality and ethics
- Cooperates by complying with school regulations concerning property, programs, office, halls, etc.
- Demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability
- Shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others
- Observes instructions and rules and practices punctuality and faithfulness both inside and outside of the classroom
- Has powers of concentration and sustained attention as shown by perseverance and application to studies
- Manifests truthfulness in acknowledging obedience to rules, avoiding cheating in written work, and showing unwillingness to profit by the mistakes of others
- Actively helps to rid the school of bad influences

## CITIZENSHIP

The student who demonstrates citizenship:

- Understands the importance of civic involvement
- Has a high regard for freedom and justice and respects the American form of government
- Demonstrates mature participation and responsibility through involvement with such activities as scouting, community organizations, and school clubs