

# National Junior Honor Society

We are proud to announce that we have established a chapter of the National Junior Honor Society at Amherst Middle School.

- NJHS was established by the National Association for Secondary School Principals (NASSP)
- recognizes and promotes academic achievement while also encouraging the ideals of service, leadership, character, and citizenship
- members are selected by a 5 member faculty council, appointed by the principal
- chapter advisers, also appointed by the principal, are non-voting members of the faculty council and are responsible for overseeing and promoting chapter activities
- a student must be in 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade and must have attended AMS for at least one full trimester to be considered for selection
- the first of the five criteria for membership is scholastic achievement. Scholastic achievement is determined by the percentage of student scores that are 3 (meeting standards) or higher. Consistent with our honor roll determination, at least 80% of content scores must be at a 3 or higher. All school records (traditional/mastery learning system) are examined to ensure that students are making academic progress in line with NJHS academic expectations.
- The timeline for candidate selection:
  - Late February, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who are eligible scholastically will be asked to provide additional information, especially about accomplishments in the areas of service and leadership
  - Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>: Candidate Information Forms due
  - Faculty will be invited to give input on any eligible students about their service, leadership, character, and citizenship
  - End of the Week of March 30<sup>th</sup>: Candidates who receive a majority vote of the faculty council invited to be inducted into the chapter
  - Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>: Evening Induction Ceremony
- NJHS members will be expected to continue to meet the level of excellence in scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship that lead to their selection