Thomaston High School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society

Local Selection Procedure Description

The National Junior Honor Society chapter of Thomaston High School is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of this prestigious national organization. Membership is open to students who meet the required standards in five areas of evaluation: **Scholarship, Service, Leadership, Character, and Citizenship**.

Step 1: Academic Eligibility

To be considered for membership, a student must first meet the chapter's academic standard.

- **Grade Level:** Students in grades 7 or 8 are eligible for evaluation.
- **GPA Requirement:** Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale
- **Timeline:** Academic records are reviewed at the end of the second quarter to identify eligible candidates.

Step 2: Candidate Notification and Information Forms

Once a student is identified as academically eligible, they are notified via letter and invited to complete a Candidate Information Form.

- **The Form:** This form allows candidates to outline their accomplishments and experiences in Leadership and Community Service.
- **Deadlines:** Fully completed forms must be submitted to the NJHS Chapter Advisor by the strictly enforced deadline indicated on the form. Late applications will not be considered.

Step 3: Character and Faculty Evaluation

To thoroughly evaluate a candidate's Character and Citizenship, the Faculty Council utilizes multiple forms of input:

- **Disciplinary Review:** School disciplinary and attendance records are reviewed by the Administration.
- **Faculty Input:** Members of the school faculty are solicited for professional reflections regarding a candidate's classroom behavior, integrity, helpfulness, and leadership.

Step 4: Faculty Council Review and Final Selection

The final selection of members is made by a five-member Faculty Council appointed by the Principal.

- **The Process:** The Faculty Council carefully reviews all Candidate Information Forms, faculty evaluations, and disciplinary records.
- **Voting:** In accordance with national constitution guidelines, a majority vote of the Faculty Council is required for a candidate to be selected into the society.
- *Optional:* The council may call candidates in for a brief interview prior to the final vote.

Step 5: Notification and Induction

- **Notification:** All candidates will receive a formal letter regarding their selection or non-selection.
- **Induction:** Selected candidates will be formally inducted into the chapter during a mandatory Induction Ceremony.

Should you have any questions regarding this process, please contact NJHS Advisor, Mrs. Doreen Jaskelewicz at djaskelewicz@thomastonschools.org .