

National Junior Honor Society Intent to Apply **Rodney E. Thompson Middle School**

Return completed intent form to Mr. Trotta's office by Feb. 14 (in front of library).

The NJHS Application MUST be entered via google form. **The link to this form and drafting documents can be found on the RTMS, NJHS, and Counseling Website.** If the student meets academic, discipline, and attendance standards for eligibility, s/he may complete the online application. Applications, recommendations, and parent essays will be due **Friday, March 6**, with **NO EXCEPTIONS** made.

Students must have a **minimum GPA of 3.5 overall combined over the last two years (6th grade overall in addition to 7th grade 1st semester grades), positive disciplinary record, and positive attendance record** to apply for membership in NJHS. Please see Mr. Trotta or the Guidance Department to confirm your GPA. If you are new to RTMS this year you will need to inform guidance to assist you to calculate your overall GPA.

Student, please print your name below:

"I, _____, intend to apply to the NJHS. I understand that I must have a 3.5 or higher GPA, a positive disciplinary record, and positive attendance record throughout my 6th grade year and first semester of my 7th grade year to be eligible. I also understand that students who are successfully accepted into the NJHS will be required to dutifully complete 5 hours of community service and 5 hours of service to RTMS, attend NJHS Meetings, and uphold the NJHS honor code"

*Student School Email Account: _____@scps.net
{Please see online application for information! Google form must be filled out to apply. }*

Parent, please print your name below:

"I, _____, understand that my student intends to apply to the NJHS and the criteria necessary for eligibility. I also understand that there is a \$10 fee assessed for induction / fund-raising costs if accepted."

*Best Contact Email: _____
{Please see online application for information! Google form must be filled out to apply. }*

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE VIA THE ONLINE APPLICATION. STUDENTS WITHOUT ONLINE ACCESS MAY SEE MR. TROTTA FOR AN ALTERNATE APPLICATION.

SEE THE RTMS, NJHS, OR COUNSELING WEBSITE FOR THE APPLICATION &
*** ADDITIONAL PLANNING DOCUMENTS / RECOMMENDATION FORMS.***

*** Selections will be made by early April and will be posted outside of Mr. Trotta's office.**

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★ RECOMMENDATIONS MUST BE TURNED IN! ★

NJHS Application Checklist / Acceptance Criteria

- * Applicants should use the checklist below to track their application.
- * Each piece of the application must be submitted to be considered.

✓	Item ~ Acceptance Criteria
	(Should be done 1 st to determine if eligible.) Confirm Eligibility Status: GPA 3.5 or higher confirmed with Mr. Trotta or Guidance; free of disciplinary infractions throughout middle school; positive attendance record throughout middle school.
	Parent/Guardian Recommendation Form (See page 2) (This page must be PHYSICALLY TURNED IN to Mrs. Demars, room 239, however, it may be typed an attached to page 2.)
	Activities (See pg. 4 for planning purposes ~ show evidence of involvement of activities.)
	Essay (See pg. 4 for planning purposes ~ must fully complete the essay based on the prompt. Students are encouraged to type ahead of time and copy / paste response into the online application.)
	3 Teacher Recommendation Forms Passed Out (See pg. 5 for planning purposes ~ all recommendations must reflect Recommended to be considered. These must be distributed in a timely and professional manner to teachers and must be done in paper form . Please note that recommendations are confidential and will not be shared with students.)

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Activities

This table should be used to draft the items that you will put into the online application. In the chart below, list the activities that you have participated in during the last three years. Activities can be inside or outside of school. If you have additional activities, please list them on a separate sheet of paper.

Activity	5 th Grade Year	6 th Grade Year	7 th Grade Year

Essay

Students are encouraged to type ahead of time and copy / paste response into the online application.)

In 200 words or less, tell us why you are an excellent candidate for NJHS. Be sure to include your *ideas on community service, study skills, and work ethic*.

Attestation: Please read and electronically sign in the online application if you agree with the statement below:

“I understand that students who are successfully accepted in the NJHS will be required to dutifully complete 5 hours of community service and 5 hours of service to RTMS, attend NJHS Meetings, and uphold the NJHS honor code.”

Printed Name / Online Signature _____

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Recommendations:

You must also provide **four** recommendations for NJHS. These recommendations must come from three of your current teachers (3) – two core and one elective / foreign language teacher; and one (1) from your parent or guardian.

Teacher Recommendations:

Please have three of your 7th grade teachers complete the recommendation form that is attached to this application. Forms must be given to two of your current core teachers (English, Math, Civics, and / or Science) and one elective teacher from the current school year. Ask teachers POLITELY to complete your recommendation and to return completed forms to Mrs. Demars' mailbox when completed. **We cannot accept any recommendations that are returned to us by the student as all recommendations are CONFIDENTIAL.**

FOR PLANNING PURPOSES: To be entered in your online application.

I will give my three recommendation forms to:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

***Please remember that you must complete and turn in all parts of your online application on time in order to be considered for membership.**



CONFIDENTIAL Teacher Recommendation Form



DUE: Friday, March 6, 2020

Core Subject: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____

RECOMMENDING TEACHER: _____

Teachers,

Thank you so for taking the time to complete this form for the students who are applying for the National Junior Honor Society. Please check the box that most accurately answers the questions below. When you have completed the form, please put it in Mrs. Demars' mailbox. Please do not give it back to the student. **We cannot accept any recommendations that are returned to us by the student.**

Sincerely,
Scott Trotta/Katy Demars-NJHS Advisors-RTMS

	Always	Sometimes	Never
Does the student show respect to their peers?			
Does the student show respect to adults?			
Does the student follow rules without prompting?			
Does the student exhibit a desire for learning?			
Does the student exhibit leadership skills?			

Additional Comments are appreciated:

_____ **Yes, I recommend this student for membership.**

_____ No, I do not recommend this student for membership..

Teacher Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Elective: _____

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