#### Candidates' Obligations of Membership

# **National Junior Honor Society**

# Virginia Virtual Academy Middle School Chapter

Membership in the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is one of the highest honors that can be awarded to a middle school student. Our chapter has worked hard to bring the accomplishments of outstanding students to the attention of parents, teachers, peers, and the community. Our chapter strives to give practical meaning to the Society's standards of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. These five ideals are considered as the basis for selection. No student is inducted simply because of a high academic average. The National Junior Honor Society strives to recognize the total student—one who excels in all these areas. The standards used for selection are:

Scholarship (3.5 GPA), leadership, service, character, and citizenship: as demonstrated by activities and teacher evaluations.

Membership, however, is more than an honor. It is an ongoing responsibility and an obligation to continue to demonstrate those outstanding qualities that result in a student's selection. Membership also carries a responsibility to the chapter. If our NJHS chapter is to be effective and meaningful, each member must become involved.

#### **Chapter Obligations are as follows:**

- Annual dues for this chapter shall be \$5.00. Dues will be payable to the chapter within 30 days of induction.
- Attend monthly meetings
- Participate in the Chapter Service Project
- Engage in a service project developed from your own talent or interest, with a minimum of 5 hours per semester.
- Be a role model for peers in the chapter, for other students in school, and for those in the community.

# **Discipline and Dismissal:**

• Any member who falls below the standards of scholarship, service, leadership, character, or citizenship may be considered for discipline.

- If a member's cumulative grade point average falls below the standard in effect when he/she was selected (3.0 out of 4.0; A/B grades only), he/she will be given a written warning and a reasonable time period for improvement. If the cumulative grade point average remains below standard at the end of the warning period, the student will be subject to further disciplinary action by the faculty council that includes consideration of dismissal from the chapter.
- Violations of the law or school regulations can result in immediate consideration of the dismissal of a member. These violations include but are not limited to stealing; destruction of property; cheating; truancy; or possession, selling, or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol at school or school-related activities or in the community.