

BALLSTON SPA MIDDLE SCHOOL

## **Qualifying Requirements September 2017**

The BSMS National Junior Honor Society is made up of 8<sup>th</sup> graders who qualify for membership during their 7<sup>th</sup> grade school year. National Junior Honor Society membership is based on 5 Basic Principles. They are Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Citizenship, and Character. Students are selected for membership based on their service to our school and community, leadership skills, and academic achievement. Students who are currently members of NJHS met the following criteria:

- An **overall** average of 90% or above for two consecutive quarters (1st and 2nd quarters of 7th grade)
- An average of 90 or better in ALL core academic classes including French or Spanish
- A responsibility index of 3 or above
- No negative comments on report card

Students who meet these criteria will be invited to apply for membership in February 2018 (after the conclusion of the second marking period). Our Faculty Advisory Council will then review the applications and students will be notified of their tentative acceptance in early **March 2018**.

Current 7<sup>th</sup> graders do not have a service requirement to qualify for membership into NJHS. Service is optional until they qualify, apply and are inducted into the NJHS. If potential candidates have completed volunteer work, the hours can be logged somewhere for inclusion with the application. The application process will begin shortly after the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.

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