**Characteristics of National Junior Honor Society Members**

**Leadership  
  
The student who exercises leadership:**

* Is resourceful in proposing new problems, applying principles, and making suggestions
* Demonstrates leadership in promoting school activities
* Exercises influence on peers in upholding school ideals
* Contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school
* Is able to delegate responsibilities
* Exemplifies positive attitudes
* Inspires positive behavior in others
* Demonstrates academic initiative
* Successfully holds school offices or positions of responsibility, conducting business efficiently and effectively, and without prodding, demonstrates reliability and dependability
* Demonstrates leadership in the classroom and in school or community activities
* Is thoroughly dependable in any responsibility accepted.

**Service**  
  
**The student who serves:**

* Is willing to uphold scholarship and maintain a loyal school attitude
* Participates in some outside activity: Girl Scouts; Boy Scouts; church groups; volunteer services for the aged, poor, or disadvantaged; family duties
* Volunteers dependable and well-organized assistance, is gladly available, and is willing to sacrifice to offer assistance
* Works well with others and is willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities
* Cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school
* Is willing to represent the class or school in inter-class and inter-scholastic competition
* Does committee and staff work uncomplainingly
* Shows courtesy by assisting visitors, teachers, and students.

**Character**  
**The student of character:**

* Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously
* Consistently exemplified desirable qualities of behavior (cheerfulness, friendliness, poise, stability)
* Upholds principles of morality and ethics
* Cooperates by complying with school regulations concerning property, programs, office, halls, etc.
* Demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability
* Shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others
* Observes instructions and rules, punctuality, and faithfulness both inside and outside of the classroom
* Has powers of concentration and sustained attention as shown by perseverance and application to studies
* Manifests truthfulness in acknowledging obedience to rules, avoiding cheating in written work, and showing unwillingness to profit by the mistakes of others
* Actively helps to rid the school of bad influences or environment

**Citizenship**  
  
**The student who demonstrates citizenship:**

* Understands the importance of civic involvement
* Has a high regard for freedom, justice, and respect of the American form of government
* Demonstrates mature participation and responsibility through involvement with such activities as scouting, community organizations, and school clubs