Brickton Montessori NJHS
Selection Procedure Description

The National Junior Honor Society chapter of Brickton Montessori School is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of this prestigious national organization. Membership is open to those students who meet the required standards in five areas of evaluation: scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. Students are selected for membership by majority vote of a five-member principal-appointed faculty council, which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty of our school each year in the second semester.

Students in grades 7 and 8 are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale. Each December those students who meet this criterion are invited to complete a Candidate Form that provides the faculty council with information regarding the candidate's leadership and service.

To evaluate a candidate's character, the faculty council uses two forms of input. First, school disciplinary records are reviewed. Second, members of the faculty and each student are asked for input regarding their professional reflections on a candidate's service activities, character, and leadership. The following candidate information is also needed:

1. Each candidate shall write a 500-word essay on how they embody the five pillars of the National Junior Honor Society (Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Character, and Citizenship).
2. Each candidate will provide 2 recommendations submitted to the faculty council (1-school recommendation and 1-external/non-parental recommendation)

Any solicited faculty input and all Candidate Forms are carefully reviewed by the faculty council to determine membership. A majority vote of the council is necessary for selection. Candidates are notified regarding selection or nonselection according to a predetermined schedule.

Following notification, a formal induction ceremony is held at the school to recognize all the newly selected members. Once inducted, new members are required to maintain the same level of performance (or better) in all four criteria that led to their selection.