**CALIFORNIA JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIP FEDERATION (CJSF)**

**WHAT IS CJSF?**

CJSF is the middle school’s version of high school’s California Scholarship Federation. It is a state-wide organization founded for the purpose of fostering high standards of scholarship, service, and citizenship in the middle grades. CJSF emphasizes service to the community while creating pride in scholastic achievement. To learn more about CJSF, visit their website <HTTPS://CSF-CJSF.ORG/>

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP?**

Eight grade students are eligible to apply in August based on their 7th grade – 4th Quarter grades then again after quarter grades have been published in October, December, and March of their 8th grade year.

Seventh grade students are eligible to apply in October after their first quarter grades have been published, then again in December and March of their 7th grade year.

Sixth grade students are not eligible to apply.

STUDENTS MUST RE-APPLY EACH QUARTER.

**WHEN DOES CJSF MEET?**

Meetings will be held approximately once a month from October through May during lunch in room 131, promptly at 12:35 pm. Students are encouraged to eat their lunch during the meeting time. Occasionally, additional meetings are added during the year to discuss and plan for upcoming events. Meetings will be announced via email to students, as well as on Parent Square and during morning announcements.

It is important that CJSF members check their emails regularly, especially around events and activities. Please try your best to attend as many meetings as possible.

**WHAT ARE THE ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR CJSF?**

To qualify for membership each quarter, the following guidelines must be met. These guidelines have been established by the state-wide CJSF organization. No exceptions can be made.

1. THE ONLY COURSES THAT QUALIFY FOR MEMBERSHIP ARE MATH, SCIENCE, ENGLISH, AND SOCIAL STUDIES.

2. NO POINTS ARE EARNED FOR PE, A REMEDIAL OR REPEATED COURSE, SUMMER SCHOOL, RESPONSE, OR ELECTIVES.

3. POINTS ARE ASSIGNED FOR EACH GRADE RECEIVED IN ABOVE COURSES. A MINIMUM OF 8 POINTS MUST BE EARNED IN ORDER TO QUALIFY.

A = 3 POINTS

B = 1 POINT

C = 0 POINTS

D/F IN ANY CLASS = AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION

**WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF CJSF MEMBERSHIP?**

CJSF allows members to have opportunities to engage in community service activities, establish relationship with their peers, and be involved in a school-sponsored organization. In addition to that, members who qualify will promote 8th grade with honors

**HOW DO I RECEIVE HONORS AT 8TH GRADE GRADUATION?**

Students who qualify for CJSF in all quarters of 7th grade and the first three quarters of 8th grade will promote with honors. All CJSF members receive a CJSF gold medal that can be worn to graduation, a gold seal on their promotion certificate, and asterisk (\*) next to their name in the promotion program. Additionally, their status as an honor member of CJSF will be noted in their school record moving forward into high school.

**HOW DO I APPLY?**

Once quarter grades are finalized, students can apply online with the provided link. Grades will be verified by the advisor(s). During the application period, the link can be accessed in the following ways:

1. ON THE BOTTOM OF THIS WEBPAGE.

2. THROUGH THE NOTICE SENT OUT TO ALL 7/8 FAMILIES ON PARENT SQUARE.

3. THROUGH THE POST ON EMS’S FACEBOOK PAGE.

4. CURRENT MEMBERS WILL ALSO RECEIVE AN EMAIL WITH THE LINK FROM THE ADVISOR.

**ONCE THE APPLICATION DEADLINE PASSES, YOU MAY NO LONGER APPLY.**

CJSF TEACHER ADVISORS and CONTACTS:

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**\*\*\*You must reapply each quarter by the due date. No exceptions.\*\*\***

[Click here for the current CJSF Application link.](https://forms.gle/MMVMDSSmX6nFs9AV7)