



MET Honor Society Student Contract



Students must be enrolled at MET's Oregon Islamic Academy Middle School or High School for at least

one trimester to be eligible for consideration. Each trimester, the MET Honor Society Council will review each student's performance, and make a decision regarding a student's enrollment or continued enrollment in the society. Oregon Islamic Academy Middle School and High School are chapters of both the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS - Grades 6-9) and the National Honor Society (NHS - Grades 10-12); students can join either depending on their grade level. Dismissal from the society is permanent in nature, and the student will not be able to re-enroll unless transitioning from Junior to National based on their grade level.

To become members of the MET Honor Society, an OIA student needs to meet the criteria described below pertaining to each of the following areas:

1. Superior Academic Achievement
2. Leadership in School and Community Service
3. Exemplary Character
4. Excellent Attendance

1. Academic Achievement:

Students who have a GPA of 3.5 out of 4.0 (unrounded) for the current trimester, per the OIA grading scale, meet the academic requirement for the MET Honor Society.

2. Leadership in School and Community Service:

Student leaders are those who are **resourceful, good problem solvers, promoters of school activities, idea-contributors, dependable, and persons who exemplify positive attitudes about life.** Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activities while working with or for others. **Diversifying your community service profile is highly recommended.**

- Leadership and community service are defined through the voluntary contributions made by a student to the school or community, without compensation and with a positive, courteous, and enthusiastic spirit.
- Service is fulfilled by giving time and effort to academically non-credited school activities that foster leadership and community service. Each trimester, the student must complete at least **15 community service hours: 10 within MET, and 5 beyond MET at a public or private non-profit or educational institution** (such as a public library, nursing home, food bank, homeless shelter, SOLV, Habitat for Humanity, etc.; a list of opportunities is available on the High School Classroom Website under the Honor Society/Graduation Requirements tab). MET Service Learning days and events organized by MET will only count as outside hours if the students perform the volunteer work outside-of-MET; any volunteer work performed at MET functions or at MET/ISMET/OIA will be counted as inside-MET hours. It is highly recommended that outside activities be initiated and sought out by the student. Transportation to and from an activity is the responsibility of the student and his/her parent.
- For inside-MET volunteer opportunities, students have to sign in and out at each event, and write what kind of volunteer work they performed (MET potlucks: up to 2 hours; Time-demanding annual events like auction, fundraising dinner, bake sale, etc.: up to 4 hours; Beach Cleanup: 3 hours (travel time is NOT included), etc.) Volunteer hours will be assessed based on actual attendance and contribution of each student at a given event.
- **It is the student's responsibility to seek out these volunteer opportunities and report them to the MET office, in person each term to a staff member by the assigned DUE DATE which is the last day of Trimester Finals, to be counted towards his/her hours of volunteerism and community service for that trimester. *Hours submitted past the deadline will be counted towards the following trimester.***
- **Senior Spring Term Hours are DUE on the second Friday in May to be able to graduate with Honors.**
- Any inside or outside-MET hours served to fulfill this honor society requirement, while in high school, will count toward the 60 volunteer hours required for all high school students to graduate from OIA.
- **Please note that volunteering at a family-owned business or at a parent's workplace does not qualify for outside volunteer hours.**

3. Character:

MET Honor Society students must display excellent Islamic manners and demonstrate superb character in daily interactions with peers, staff, visitors, and school property. **MET Honor Society members must demonstrate the following qualities at all times: respect, citizenship, loyalty and positive attitude towards the school, solid work ethic, responsibility, trustworthiness, fairness, cooperation, courtesy, care, honesty, reliability, empathy, ethics, and morality. Students should voluntarily come forward with the truth, report broken or malfunctioning equipment and incidents of vandalism, display excellent citizenship at all times, etc. In short, the student should be a role model to his/her peers.**

Students should attain at least one O (outstanding) within the character/behavior/citizenship-related criteria 10 thru 14 on the Work Ethic/Behavior Assessment each trimester. Violations of this Character criterion include, **but are not limited to** the following: getting ANY I's (Improvement Needed) on the behavior section of the trimester progress report card, detention, missed homework, cheating, plagiarism, disciplinary or office referrals, disrespecting teachers or fellow students, making racial comments, criminal law infractions, and/or any behavior that is not consistent with the expectations for outstanding character, mannerisms, and teacher/student interactions entailed by being a member of the society.

4. Attendance:

Students of the MET Honor Society must demonstrate **proper and timely attendance at all their classes and school functions (such as workshops, orientation sessions, etc. held within or outside school hours)**. Students who miss more than 2 UNEXCUSED school days, or are tardy (to school or classes) more than 2 times UNEXCUSED will be considered in violation of this criteria. Exceptions will be made for excused absences due to illness or family emergency only with doctor's note or parental notification.

After 5 excused absences and 3 excused tardies, every single absence and tardy will count as UNEXCUSED unless accompanied by a doctor's note. Students may check their Home Access Center for their absences and tardies to-date.

Additional Considerations:

- *Membership in the Honor Society is a privilege and a commitment that students need to take very seriously.*
- *Final eligibility of membership and continued enrollment in the society, even if all criteria are met, will be determined by a majority vote of the MET Honor Society Council Members upon the conclusion of each trimester, based on a holistic assessment of each student.*
- *Once instated in the society, the student is held to high standards and expectations, and is expected to comply with all criteria all of the time. S/he is expected to turn in their volunteer hours **ON TIME BY THE DUE DATE** at the end of each trimester.*
- *If an honor society student does not meet one or more of the above criteria, s/he will be automatically placed ON PROBATION for the following trimester, and s/he will not be included in the honor society press release announcement. Also, s/he must submit a plan in writing to the council on how to improve and change towards being reinstated in the society.*
- *Probation is lifted **ONLY IF** the student goes back to full compliance of all criteria **AND** per the majority vote of the council.*
- *If a student is placed on probation twice, an intervention will follow by the student's homeroom teacher throughout each subsequent term to ensure the student does not lose his/her membership in the society.*
- *Students are subject to permanent dismissal from the society by majority vote of the council, in the event of major infractions and/or excessive or continued neglect of honor society criteria.*

Once you have thoroughly read this contract, please indicate your understanding and acceptance of the terms and regulations of the MET Honor Society by signing below.

Student Name (Please print): _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Name (Please print): _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____