

National **BETA**

BY – LAWS OF THE WOODLAND HEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL JUNIOR BETA CLUB

1. This chapter for the Junior Beta Club shall meet on the first Wednesday of each month from 3:30-4:10 pm and the first Thursday morning of each month from 7:35-8:05 am. (Day of the month may change at the beginning of each school year, and may change due to ERPD). Members must attend one of these meetings each month.

2. The classes from which the member may be drawn will be grades sixth through eighth, and based on at least one semester of grades at Woodland Heights Middle School.

3. The scholastic requirement for initial membership shall be overall average of 95 with no grade below an 88 at time of induction. To continue as a member in good standing he/she must maintain a 90 average with no grade below an 85 each semester.

4. The officers for this club shall be elected in the spring of each year. The treasurer may be elected from the rising seventh or eighth grade class. The secretary may be elected from the rising seventh or eighth grade class. The vice president will be elected from the rising seventh grade class and will serve one year as vice-president and will serve the following year as the president. The president will be a rising eighth grader and will have one year as vice president.

5. A. A member must earn approximately 10 service points per semester (half a year) for a **total of 20 service points in a year to remain a member in the club.**

These points may be earned by:

- (1.) attending meetings for 2 service points per meeting;
- (2.) participating in service projects (sponsored by the school, a church or other organization for 1 service point per hour volunteered;
- (3.) attending Beta committee meetings for 1 point per meeting;
- (4.) participating in a Beta sponsored fund raiser for 3 points per fundraiser.

B. A standing committee consisting of 5 members will be appointed to keep service point records. The committee will meet one time each quarter.

C. If a student fails to meet the service point requirement, the following actions will take place. The member will be placed on probation for one quarter during which they must turn in at least 5 service points to the committee. If he/she fails to turn in the points, he/she will be dropped from the club until such time as he/she turns in 8 service points (accumulated from activities described in 5A and a written request for reinstatement (excluding Beta functions).

6. **Attendance at meetings is mandatory.** If a member misses more than three meetings in a row, he/she will be placed on probation. An additional absence of 2 consecutive meetings will result in him/her being dropped from the club. He/she may submit to the executive committee and advisors his/her reasons for missing meetings in writing. If it is due to illness, a family emergency, a sport activity or another acceptable reason, the absence will not be counted against him/her. He/she may submit for reinstatement in writing with the reasons that he/she should be reinstated.

7. A. A member may be dropped or placed on probation from membership for the following reasons:

a. If his/her scholastic record falls below a 90 average or has a grade below 85. However, no member shall be dropped for scholastic deficiency without being accorded a probationary period of one semester to return his/her scholastic record to the minimum requirement.

b. If he/she fails to earn 20 service points per year.

c. For moral or disciplinary reasons. If he/she has a major office disciplinary infraction, an infraction resulting in ISS, OSS, or other office action, this will result in him/her being placed on probation for one semester. Additional disciplinary action during the probation will result in him/her being dropped from the club.

B. He/she may request to be reinstated in writing by the executive advisory committee when his/her grades again meet initial scholastic requirements or when he/she has had no further disciplinary actions taken for one semester.

8. (A) Annual Jr Beta Club Convention in Greensboro, NC. All newly inducted 6th grade members shall be required to attend the state convention at least one time while being a member of WHMS Jr. Beta Club. The convention usually takes place at the beginning of February and is an overnight field trip. Members must enter at least one competition.

(B) All members of the WHMS Jr. Beta Club must participate in the group wide fund-raising activity. All funds raised from this event will be divided equally amongst those members attending the state convention.

