

DADEVILLE ELEMENTARY BETA CLUB



CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS



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DES Elementary Beta Club Constitution

Article I: Name

The name of this organization will be Dadeville Elementary School National Elementary Beta Club.

Article II: Affiliation and Coordination

This Elementary Beta Club is an integral part of the central organization of National Elementary Beta Club and shall be governed by the policies laid down in the national constitution of the central organization of National Elementary Beta. Its motto, colors, creed, and official insignia will be those of the national organization of National Elementary Beta.

Article III: Purpose

The purpose of this organization is the promotion of academic achievement, character, leadership, and service at Dadeville Elementary School.

Article IV: Membership

The membership of this organization will be made up among students in fourth through fifth grades at Dadeville Elementary School who, because of their credible achievement, worthy character, and commendable attitude, have been approved for membership by the principal of Dadeville Elementary School; provided, of course, that these students meet the requirements as set forth in the bylaws of this organization.

Article V: Officers

The officers of this National Elementary Beta club will be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Chaplain, and Historian.

The duties of the President will be to preside at the meetings, appoint the committees of the club, represent the organization when necessary, and to administer the policies as laid down in the constitution and bylaws.

The duties of the Vice President will be to preside at meetings when the president is absent or incapacitated to perform the duties of the office, and to assist in administering the affairs of the club, such as serving on committees.

The duties of the Secretary will be to keep the records of membership, record the minutes of the meetings, and to carry on the necessary club correspondence.

The duties of the Treasurer will be to keep a record of all financial matters pertaining to the local club, collect and preserve the club's funds, and pay out of the club's funds to meet the financial obligations of the club.

The duties of the Reporter will be to maintain the club's website, update social media, and inform the school and community of what is happening in the club.

The duties of the Historian will be to update the calendar, create a digital or physical album of all Beta Club activities, and manage the submission of members' service hours.

Article VI: Committees

The National Elementary Beta Club committees will be Program, Events, Service, and Social Outreach.

The duties of the Program Committee will be to arrange for the business and social meetings of the club and to designate the time/place of the meetings, as provided for in the bylaws.

The duties of the Events Committee will be to arrange the entertainment features of the social meetings of the club –such as decorations, refreshments, and special features of entertainment.

The duties of the Service Committee will be to arrange and plan all school and community service projects throughout the year.

The duties of the Social Outreach Committee will be to arrange for publicity of any activities or special features of club operations or any of its members in local and state newspapers, on radio, television, and social media.

In addition to these four standing committees, the President may appoint special committees to attend to and report upon any specific matter that may become necessary for this club to consider.

Article VII: Meetings

Regular meetings will be held at such times and places as designated in the bylaws.

Special meetings may be called by the President after consultation with and the approval of the faculty sponsor of the club.

Article VIII: Service Involvement

Besides endeavoring at all times to be of service to Dadeville Elementary School and its students by upholding high standards of honesty and good citizenship, this National Elementary Beta club shall –after consultation with and upon the approval of the principal of the school –undertake some worthwhile service projects.

Article IX: Amending the Constitution

The constitution of this National Elementary Beta club may be amended by a majority vote of the membership, provided such proposed amendment is placed before the club at a previous meeting.

DES Elementary Beta Club Bylaws

Article I: Time and Place of Meetings

The time, day, and place of meetings of this National Elementary Beta Club will be decided upon only after consultation with, and upon the approval of, the principal of Dadeville Elementary School.

National Elementary Beta Club meetings will be held in the club sponsor's classroom during the club members' physical education class time. This meeting will occur once every nine-week marking period, unless a special meeting is necessary.

Article II: Quorum

A quorum of this organization shall be constituted by a majority of the membership. No action may be taken that is binding upon the membership unless a quorum is present. However, certain matters –such as a discussion of means of taking in new members, the presentation of a program, etc. –may be carried on at a regular or special meeting without a quorum being present.

Article III: Standards of Membership

Standards of membership in the Dadeville Elementary School National Elementary Beta Club must conform to the general features as laid down in the National Constitution, and in all cases must be approved by the principal of the school.

The grade levels from which members may be drawn are fourth grade through fifth grade.

The academic requirements for membership in the National Elementary Beta Club are: A student should maintain an 85% overall average in mathematics, social studies, science, language arts (if available), and reading, and no grades lower than a “B” in any subject area on his/her report card.

The service requirements for membership in the National Elementary Beta Club are three service hours per semester.

The character and behavioral requirements for membership in the National Elementary Beta Club state that every club member should display good character and good judgment. In addition, club members should be kind, respectful, and helpful, and they should show leadership skills in and out of the classroom environment. Finally, no club member should get an office referral from any teacher or staff member of Dadeville Elementary School.

Article IV: Induction of Members

The induction of new members into this National Elementary Beta Club will be one of dignity appropriate to the ideals of the organization. Any pre-induction initiation activity must be submitted to and approved by the principal of Dadeville Elementary School. It must not be of a nature to cause physical pain or mental embarrassment to the initiate.

Article V: Loss of Membership

A member of this National Elementary Beta club may be put on probation or dropped from membership for the following reasons:

- If he/she is absent without a justifiable reason from two regular consecutive meetings.
- If his/her academic record falls below an 85 (overall) average of all academic core classes.
- If he/she fails to attain at least six service hours without a justifiable reason.
- If his/her character and behavior record falls below the standards previously stated.

If and when a member is put on probation, they have the opportunity to be added back on the active school roster. If and when a member is dropped from membership, a record of this action shall be relayed to the National Office of National Elementary Beta immediately. (Specify your policy.)

Article VI: Local Dues

National Beta is for qualifying students in grades 4- 12. **There is a \$15 national fee for each division:**

- **Elementary (grades 4-5)**
- Junior (grades 6-8)
- Senior (grades 9-12)

The local dues of this club of National Elementary Beta shall be \$60 per year. Local dues are used for club t-shirts and other miscellaneous expenses. The cost of local membership in the club will be kept at an absolute minimum so that no worthy student is unable to become a member for financial reasons.

The total amount owed for every Beta Club member is \$75. This MUST be paid and the Beta Club agreement form MUST be signed and returned before the student can participate in Beta Club Induction.

Article VII: Amending the Bylaws

The bylaws of this National Elementary Beta club may be amended by a majority vote of the membership, provided such proposed amendment is placed before the club at a previous meeting.