Berwick Junior High School Beta Club Charter

2026 – 2027

Consisting of Qualifications, Rules, & Responsibilities

Dear Beta Members and Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! We are looking forward to an exciting and productive year. The qualities of an excellent Beta member are character, achievement, responsibility, and leadership; therefore, as a member of the Berwick Jr. High School Beta Club, **students must meet the following criteria**:

1. **Maintain a 3.25 Grade Point Average**
2. **Attend meetings**
3. **Earn 20 Beta points per semester:**
   10 club + 5 service + 5 club and/or service = 20 points
4. **Receive no more than one referral and/or no more than one day of suspension.**

BJHS Website

Meetings and dates will be posted on the BJHS website calendar and in the Beta Team. Please check these often.

Beta Team

Members are required to join the Beta Team and check it regularly. Forms, projects, dates, etc. will be posted in the Team.

Meetings

Beta Club meetings will be held once a month after school in the lecture room until 3:30P.M. (unless otherwise stated). Members are required to attend these meetings and will earn one club point for attendance. The meetings are important because they discuss upcoming Beta events and projects. Meeting dates will be announced at school, posted on the school website calendar, and in the Beta Team.

Beta Points

Each member is required to earn a minimum of **20** points per semester. However, members are encouraged to earn more. **Beta points must be a combination of both club and personal service points.** Participation in club activities is required. **Ten Beta points** are to be earned through club activities: attending meetings (1 point), fundraisers, and projects (points will be announced). **Five Beta points** are to be earned through personal service hours (see examples). The remaining **five Beta points** can be either personal or club points or a combination of the two. All personal service hours must be performed **OUTSIDE OF THE HOME** without reward or pay.

One hour of service equals one service point. Service hour slips can be found on the BJHS website under clubs, in the Beta Team, and on the Beta bulletin board. **Points can only be turned into the Beta Box by the Beta bulletin board in the front lobby.** A variety of activities should be utilized in earning these points. Please ask a Beta club sponsor about a service opportunity that you may be unsure about before you complete it.

Examples of personal service points are: (but not limited to)

- ✓ Baby-sitting outside of your immediate family
- ✓ Tutoring a younger student after school
- ✓ Church service volunteering
- ✓ Visiting the elderly at a nursing home
- ✓ Helping a neighbor cut grass
- ✓ Helping teachers in their classroom

Points Due Dates

The fall semester's 20 points will be due on Monday, November 30, 2026. **Failure to complete these points will result in dismissal**. The spring semester's 20 points begins on Tuesday, December 1, 2026, and will be due Wednesday, April 21, 2027. Points do not carry over from the first semester. Extra points will go towards becoming an Outstanding Beta Member (see End of Year Awards). **Failure to complete semester points will result in dismissal and prohibit attendance to convention and end of year party even if already paid. NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

Other Reasons for Probation and Dismissal

Beta students are required to exemplify appropriate behavior both in school and in the community. Members are models for other students to follow. If a member receives a referral for any reason, he/she will be placed on probation. That probation will continue for the remainder of the school year. If a student receives another referral within the same school year, he/she will be dismissed. If a student receives more than one day of school suspension for any reason, he/she will be automatically dismissed. Additionally, if a member falls below a 3.25 GPA any 9 weeks, he/she will be put on probation. Upon the second 9 weeks of dropping below a 3.25 GPA, the student will be dismissed. The two 9 weeks of less than a 3.25 GPA do not have to be consecutive.

** Note: **No formal probation notices will be sent out**. It is up to the member to know his/her probationary status based on above criteria. However, dismissal notices will be sent out. **

Dues
***Returning BJHS members** must pay annual BJHS club dues of **$7.00**.
***NEW first time BJHS member** must pay the membership fee for the National Beta Club in the amount of **$25.00 plus the $7.00** for BJHS club dues for a **total of $32.00**. Pay using the online cashless Beta account.

Beta Shirt – There will be **two** T-shirt orders:
Each Beta member is required to purchase a club shirt and a convention shirt if they wish to attend/participate in State Convention.

1. **Club Shirt** - to wear for meetings, fundraisers, convention, spirit shirt days at school, and service. (Order form with cost will be sent home at the first meeting.)
2. **Convention shirt** – to wear for convention and spirit shirt days at school. (Order form with cost will be sent home at the 2nd or 3rd meeting.)

Club Projects
Throughout the year, our club will participate in various projects to help at the school, community, state, and/or national levels. Projects will be given and discussed at the club meetings. As previously stated, participation in these activities goes towards the members' club points. Information will be posted in the Beta Team and on the Beta bulletin board.

Fundraisers
Members are also required to participate in club fundraisers. Fundraisers are conducted to assist in covering the cost of convention, as well as, for philanthropic contributions. When fundraising donations or tickets/items are sold, all members will be required to sell a minimum number of tickets/items or collect an amount for donation. Once again, participation in fundraisers counts toward the members' club points.

State Convention
Each year the National Junior Beta Club holds a state convention in Lafayette at the Cajundome. **This year's state convention is set for February 23-26, 2027**. Only certain competing members will attend on the first two dates; however, all qualifying members are eligible to attend on the 25th and 26th. This is an overnight trip. Only members in good standing with the club may attend. There will be a fee to attend; information will be given later in the year.
Parent Chaperones will be needed for state convention and each must:

- Pay state convention registration fee for chaperones. (usually $10)
- Turn in copies of a valid driver's license and proof of current vehicle insurance.
- Report to St. Mary Parish School Board office in Centerville or BJHS, whichever is required, to be fingerprinted for a background check.

End of the year awards
Members who have never been on probation and completed an additional 20 Beta points for a total of 60 points or more for the whole year will receive an “Outstanding Beta Member” award. Furthermore, the student who exceeds the standards above by earning the highest number of points per grade level will receive a “Most Outstanding Beta Member” award.

Parents

- There will be opportunities when Beta Club will welcome parents’ help and support. We know that Beta parents are our greatest assets. Please let us know if you have a special talent or skill or if you would like to be a part of our many projects and events.
- When the club is asking for monetary donations or items to be purchased, please have your child do chores to earn the money to donate or to purchase the items. This helps in building character and creating a giving nature.

Please fill out and return the last page of this charter (the membership agreement) to the Beta box by **Wednesday, August 19, 2026**. Thank you for your support and commitment to the BJHS Beta Club!

Sincerely,

Beta Club Sponsors:
Ms. Laura Rentrop, Mrs. Ashley Dinger, & Miss Christina Aman

BJHS Beta Club Membership Agreement

I (student and parent) have read, understand, and agree to the membership qualifications, rules, and responsibilities addressed in the 2026 – 2027 club charter. My child has permission to be an active member in the BJHS Beta Club.

Name of student (print): _____

Signature of student: *_____

Grade: _____

Name of parent (print): _____

Signature of parent: *_____

Parent Phone Number: (cell)_____(home)_____

Parent Email Address: _____

Student Phone Number (cell)_____

- **MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT – complete this form and turn into the Beta box by Wednesday, August 19, 2026.**
- **DUES – Pay in the Online Cashless Beta account by Wednesday, August 19, 2026.**

New Member to BJHS Beta Club Dues - **$32.00**

All 6th graders and any 7th or 8th grader who has never been in the BJHS Beta club.

OR

Returning Member to BJHS Beta Club Dues - **$7.00**

7th and 8th graders who have been in the BJHS Beta club prior to this school year.