



Belton-Honea Path High School Beta Club Constitution

I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Belton-Honea Path High Chapter of the National Beta Club.

II. Affiliation and Coordination

This chapter of the National Beta Club is an integral part of the central organization of the National Beta Club and shall be governed by the academic and financial policies laid down in the National Constitution of the central organization of the National Beta Club. The coat-of-arms, motto, colors, creed, and official insignia shall be those of the national organization of the National Beta Club.

III. Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be the promotion of scholarship, leadership, and good citizenship at Belton-Honea Path High School.

IV. Membership

The membership of this organization shall be made up of the students of the Sophomore, Junior, and Senior classes of Belton-Honea Path High School who, because of their worthy character, good mentality, creditable achievement, and commendable attitude, have been approved for membership by the executive head of Belton-Honea Path High School; provided, of course, that these students meet the requirements as set forth by this organization.

- A. To be admitted as a member of the Beta Club, beginning as a sophomore, one must have a cumulative grade point average of 4.5 or above on all subjects taken for high school credit. All Beta members must maintain an overall average of 4.0 to retain their active status. (Due to the standard GPA scale mandated by the Department of Education, a cumulative GPA of 5.0 corresponds to a numerical average of 90 and a cumulative GPA of 4.0 corresponds to a numerical average of 90.)
- B. An active member of the National Beta Club who transfers to this school will be automatically accepted for membership in this chapter. This transfer member must maintain the membership requirements of this chapter in order to retain his/her membership.
- C. Underclassmen who transfer to this school must be actively enrolled for one semester before being eligible for membership. Seniors who transfer to this school must meet the eligibility requirements set by the Belton – Honea Path Chapter of the National Beta Club to be accepted for membership.
- D. To be inducted into the Belton-Honea Path Chapter of the National Beta Club, new members shall pay dues of \$35 by the deadline set by the sponsors. Established members' dues of \$10. Senior graduation stoles will be \$20 at the time of ordering.

V. Probation/Loss of Membership

- A. Any member whose average drops below the required 4.0 average for any semester shall be placed on probation. If at the end of the next semester, the cumulative average of said student is still below 4.0, the student shall become an inactive member due to the low average. The member will be reinstated when the said student's cumulative average meets the requirement of 4.0.
- B. **Any member who misses two scheduled meetings in a year will be automatically placed on probation unless the member's excuse is approved by the sponsor and designated committee. If the member misses another meeting after he has been placed on probation, he will be permanently dismissed from the club.** If a member misses a meeting because of a doctor's appointment, the absence will be excused only if a statement from the doctor is turned in to the sponsor the next day the member is at school. If a member misses a meeting because of a school function, it is excused with prior sponsor approval. Absence from school on the day of a scheduled meeting constitutes an excused absence. **Work is not an acceptable excuse. The dates of meetings are set and publicized well in advance; everyone is expected to be present. Please mark your calendars!**
- C. Since the National Beta Club is a merit organization, members who fail to maintain a creditable record, or who give evidence of personal conduct unbecoming members of this club, will be disqualified from membership. **In accordance with this, dishonesty in any form (cheating, lying, stealing, etc.) and evidence of possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or possession or use of illegal drugs will not be tolerated. Involvement in any act of dishonesty or incident involving alcohol or illegal drugs will result in a member being permanently dismissed from the club.**
- D. **Any member receiving In-School Suspension because of Level 1 or Level 2 violations, with the exception of dishonesty, as listed in the Anderson County School District Two Behavior Code will be placed on automatic probation. Infractions involving cell phones, and dress code are Level 2 offenses. If a suspension occurs, the member will be permanently dismissed from the club.**
- E. **Any member receiving a multiple-day out-of-school suspension will be permanently dismissed from the club without probation.** There will be a Beta Club Grievance Committee that will be responsible for the reviewing of an appeal for dismissal. If a member is allowed to remain in Beta Club, he/she will be placed on probation, with any further offenses resulting in permanent dismissal. Any parent wishing to appeal must submit a request in writing to Mrs. Meinte/ Mrs. Stevens within 5 days of the student receiving a dismissal letter.
- F. **Since the National Beta Club is a service organization, all members are expected to participate fully in all activities designated by the club. Members shall be required to complete 15 hours of community service per semester for 2022-2023. Documentation for service hours shall be provided to the sponsors by January 9th 1st semester and April 27, 2022, for second semester. Failure to complete community service will result in probation.**
- G. **Members who fail to return the constitution signature page within one week of receiving it will receive a Remind. Failure to return the signature page five school days after the verbal warning will result in dismissal from the club.**

When a member is placed on probation for any reason, he/she will be notified in writing. When a member is dismissed from the club for any reason, he/she will be notified in writing.

VI. Officers

- A. Officers and Duties
 1. The officers of this chapter of the National Beta Club shall be a President, Vice- President, Secretary, Treasurer, Program Chairman, and Volunteer Coordinator.
 2. The duties of the President shall be to preside at the meetings, to appoint the committees of the chapter (unless otherwise provided for in the By-laws), to represent this organization when

necessary, and to administer the policies as laid down in this constitution and its By-laws.

3. The duties of the vice-president shall be to preside at meetings when the president is absent or unable to perform the duties of the office and to assist in administering the affairs of the chapter, serving on such committees as are designated by the By-laws.
4. The duties of the secretary shall be to keep records of membership, to record minutes of the meetings, and to carry out the necessary club correspondence.
5. The duties of the treasurer shall be to keep a record of all financial matters pertaining to this organization.
6. The duties of the program chairman shall be to work with the sponsors to see that well-planned programs are ready at every meeting.
7. The duties of the volunteer coordinator shall be to work with the sponsors and officers of the club on the organization of service projects.

B. Election of Officers

1. Members of the club may make additional nominations at large. There may be a maximum of three nominees for each office, two from the floor.
2. Of the six officers elected, at least two, including the President, must be rising seniors.
3. Officers will be elected by a majority vote of club members present.

VII. Meetings

- A. The club will have regular meetings during the year as scheduled by the sponsors. Special meetings may be scheduled by the officers and members and must be approved by the sponsors. **The meeting dates are October 27th and February 16th. (only require picking up agendas) for 2023-2022 are November 8/9 and March 16-17.** B. The time and location of meetings will be decided by the club and the sponsors.
- C. Excessive absences will be dealt with as specified in section V-B of this constitution.

Detach and return the bottom portion.

I have read and understand the Beta Club Constitution. My signature indicates my willingness to abide by the expectations and consequences as outlined in this constitution.

Student Name (please print first and last) _____ Current grade level _____

Homeroom teacher _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

I have read and understand the Beta Club Constitution. My signature indicates that I expect my child to abide by the expectations and consequences as outlined in this constitution.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Sponsors
Mrs. Meinte & Mrs. Stevens