

Constitution and By-Laws  
of the  
Northview High School  
Chapter  
of the  
National Beta Club

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## Constitution

### *Article I*

#### **Name**

The name of this organization shall be Northview High School Chapter of the National Beta Club.

### *Article 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. Its coat-of-arms, motto, colors, creed, and official insignia shall be those of the organization of the National Beta Club.

### *Article III*

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this organization shall be the promotion of scholarship, leadership, and good citizenship at Northview High School.

### *Article IV*

#### **Membership**

The membership of this organization shall be made up from among the students of the ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades of Northview High School who, because of their academic achievement, have been approved for membership by the executive head of Northview High School; provided that these students meet the requirements set forth in the By-Laws of this organization appended herein below.

### *Article V*

#### **Officers**

The officers of this chapter of the National Beta Club shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer.

- The duties of the president shall be to preside at the meetings, to represent this organization whenever necessary, and to administer the policies as laid down in this Constitution and By-Laws.

- The duties of the vice-president shall be to preside at the 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.
- The duties of the secretary shall be to take roll at meetings, provide correspondence when needed, and take notes at all meetings.
- The duties of the treasurer shall be to keep a record of all financial matters pertaining to this organization and to collect and preserve the club's funds.

#### *Article VI*

#### **Meetings**

- Regular meetings shall be held at such times and places as shall be determined by the club meeting schedule.
- Special meetings may be called by the president after consultation with the approval of the faculty sponsor of the club.
- Committee meetings may be called by the committee chairperson, with sponsor approval, in order to complete a service project.
- Members are required to attend all meetings unless prior permission to be absent has been granted by the sponsor. Off-campus students (such as DE) are required to email the sponsor ahead of time with a feasible excuse. The lack of two such emails by off-campus students or the lack of permission from the sponsor from on-campus students will constitute dismissal from Beta Club.

#### *Article VII*

#### **Services**

Besides endeavoring at all times to be of service to Northview High School and its students by upholding high standards of honesty and good citizenship, this chapter of the National Beta Club shall, after consultation with and approval of the calendar committee, undertake at least one worthwhile service project, as designated in the By-Laws appended herein below.

#### *Article VIII*

#### **Amending the Constitution**

The constitution of this organization may be amended by a majority vote of the membership any time there is a quorum present.

## By Laws

### *Article I*

#### **Meetings**

- The time and place of meetings of this chapter of the National Beta Club shall be decided upon by the officers of this organization.
- Committee meetings may be called more frequently, with sponsor approval, during a project's active period.

### *Article II*

#### **Membership Quorum**

A quorum of this organization shall be constituted by a two-thirds majority of the membership. No action may be taken which is binding unless a quorum of members is present. However, certain matters, such as discussion of service projects, the presentation of a program, and so forth, may be carried out at a special meeting without a quorum being present or may be decided upon by the officers under the leadership of the faculty sponsor.

### *Article III*

#### **Membership**

- Students currently in grades 9, 10, and 11 who meet the requirements will be invited to apply for membership. Applications for membership will be accepted during an open application period, once during the school year. Applicants who meet requirements will be invited to join. Those applicants accepting invitation will be inducted at the annual induction ceremony.
- The induction of new members into this chapter of the National Beta Club shall be one of dignity appropriate to the ideals of the organization. Any pre-induction initiation activity must be submitted to and approved by the membership. It must not be of a nature to cause physical pain or mental embarrassment to the member.

### *Article V*

#### **Membership Requirements**

Standards of membership in the Northview High School chapter of the National Beta Club must conform to the general features as laid down in the National Beta Constitution and in all cases must be approved by the membership.

- The scholastic requirements for membership in this Chapter of the National Beta Club shall be a 3.7 weighted grade point average with no semester grade below a "C."

- The nonacademic requirements shall be no out-of-school suspension of any type and no major disciplinary referrals resulting from inappropriate behavior throughout grades 9-12.
- Those who fall below the 3.7 required GPA will be given a one-time-only grace period of one semester to bring the GPA back to the minimum requirement. After this period, there will be no more opportunities for Beta Club membership. Those who brings their GPA up to 3.7 by the end of the following semester will be allowed to remain in Beta Club. If a senior in his final semester falls below the 3.7 minimum GPA, they will be dismissed from membership.

#### *Article VI*

##### **Service Requirements**

- As soon as possible after its activation in the fall semester of the school year, this chapter of the National Beta Club will establish committees to undertake programs of school or community service as well as fundraising projects which will be of benefit to Northview High School and the community. The projects shall be decided upon by the officers and committees will be established by volunteers.
- Each member is required to fulfill 15 community service hours from the first official day of the school year through April 12th. The hours must be pre-approved through guidance and must also meet the requirements of Bright Futures. If the entire 15 hours are not fulfilled by April 12th, the student will be removed from the Beta roster.
- Any member enrolled in any program off-campus during school hours, such as dual enrollment through PSC, shall be responsible for checking the Beta information on daily announcements and on the school website on a weekly basis. All updated information will be on the website. The off-campus student should contact the faculty sponsor via e-mail with intent to either participate or not in the upcoming program posted. If student does not fulfill requests throughout the year, the student will be removed from the Beta roster.

#### *Article VII*

##### **Dues**

- There shall be local dues of this chapter. Assessments may also be made upon the membership to defray the cost of special undertakings, such as the induction ceremony, yearbook pages, t-shirts, etc.

*Article VIII*

**Graduation Regalia**

Graduation regalia shall be provided through Beta Club funds created by local dues.

*Article IX*

**Amendments to the By-Laws**

The By-Laws of this chapter of the National Beta Club may be amended by a majority vote of the membership, provided such proposed amendment is either placed before the club at a previous meeting or is clearly stated in writing and given to all members at least three days in advance.