

Anderson Five Charter School Beta Club Constitution

I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Anderson Five Charter School 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 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 the organization shall be to promote the ideals of character, leadership, service, and good citizenship at Westside High School to encourage and assist students in continuing their education after high school.

IV. Membership

The membership of this organization shall be made up from among the students of the Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior grades of Westside High School who, because of their worthy character, good mentality, credible achievement, and commendable attitude, have been approved for membership by the Beta Club committee of Westside 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, sophomores, juniors, and seniors must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or above on all courses taken for high school credit. Freshman must have been inducted during their middle school years and be in good standing with Junior Beta at the end of the eighth grade year. All Seniors and Juniors who are Beta members must maintain an overall average of 3.5 GPA to retain their active status.

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. To be inducted into the Anderson Five Charter of the National Beta Club, new members shall pay dues of \$15. Established members' dues of \$15 are to be paid each school year to continue their membership. All fees are nonrefundable and due by the **first** Monday in October.

V. Probation/Loss of Membership

A. Any member who drops below the average of 3.5 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 the requirement, 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 for their academic level.

B. Any member who misses two scheduled meetings will be automatically placed on probation unless the member's excuse is approved by the sponsor and designated committee. If the member then misses another meeting, after he/she has been placed on probation, he/she will be permanently dismissed from the club. Members must turn in an excusable note to a Beta Club faculty advisor **prior to the meeting**. Excusable absences include doctor's appointments, sport game, illness, bereavement, or college visits. Sport practices are not excused.

C. Since the National Beta Club is a service organization, members who fail to complete required hours in the first semester and second semester community service projects will be placed on probation. If at the end of the next semester, the member has not completed the required community service, the student shall be dismissed from the club. Members are required to turn in a portfolio of the service project each semester.

D. Since the National Beta Club is a merit organization, members who fail to maintain a credible record, or who give evidence of personal conduct, on or off campus, unbecoming to a member of this club (as determined by the Beta Club sponsors), will be disqualified from membership. In accordance with this, dishonesty in any form (cheating, lying,

stealing, etc.) will not be tolerated. **Involvement in any act of dishonesty will result in a member being permanently dismissed from the club.**

E. Any member receiving an in-school-suspension (ISS) will be placed on probation, and any repeat offense will result in permanent dismissal from the club.

F. If a member is in violation of two or more of the above referenced offenses A -E, then he/she will be dismissed from the club without probation. For example, if in the same semester a member's grades fall below the required GPA (A) and he/she fails to complete his/her service hours (C), the member will be dismissed from the club without probation.

G. Any member receiving an out-of-school suspension will be permanently dismissed from the club without probation.

H. Established members who fail to pay dues by the first Monday in November will be dismissed from the club without probation.

I. 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, and Treasurer.
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 on the necessary club correspondence.
5. The duties of the treasurer shall be to keep a record of all financial matters pertaining to this organization.

B. Election of Officers

1. The inducted Beta Club members and sponsors shall nominate a maximum of three nominees for each office. Nominees will meet with the Beta Club committee for review of responsibilities. Nominees who choose to run for election will conduct a runoff and officers will be elected by a majority vote of club members present. Members of the club may make nominations at large. There may be a maximum of three nominees for each office.
2. The candidates for president must be rising seniors.
3. President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer 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. There will be one meeting per month of the school year. Special meetings may be scheduled by the officers and members and must be approved by the sponsors.

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 V-B of this constitution.