

By-Laws of the West Pine Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Beta Club

Article I Name

The name of this organization shall be the West Pine Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Beta Club.

Article II Time and Place of Meetings

Meeting times and locations shall be announced during morning announcements.

Article III Correspondence

All correspondence will be sent home with students. It is the responsibility of the student to pass along all information received from the West Pine Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Beta Club.

Article IV Affiliation and Co-ordination

This chapter of the National Junior Beta Club is an integral part of the central organization of the National Junior 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 Junior Beta Club. Its coat-of-arms, motto, colors, creed, and official insignia shall be those of the national organization of the National Junior Beta Club.

Article V Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be the promotion of scholarship, leadership, community service and good citizenship at West Pine Middle School.

Article VI Membership

The membership of this organization shall be made up from among the students of West Pine Middle School who, because of their worthy character, good mentality, credible achievement, and commendable attitude, have been approved for membership by the principal of West Pine Middle School; provided, of course, that these students meet the requirements as set in the by-laws of this organization as appended here in below.

The classes from which members may be drawn shall be sixth grade, seventh grade and eighth grade.

Membership invitations shall be extended after each semester.

Invitations will be offered to students based on academic achievement. Students must maintain a report card grade average of 90 with no report card grade below 80, on grade-level work, each reporting period, for one semester to qualify for an invitation. Therefore, sixth graders will be eligible for membership after the first semester has ended.

Article VII Service

Besides endeavoring at all times to uphold high standards of honesty and good citizenship, this chapter of the National Junior Beta Club shall undertake a program of service, which will be of benefit to West Pine Middle School and the surrounding community, as soon as possible after its activation in the fall semester of the school year. All West Pine Middle School projects shall be decided upon only after consultation with and upon the approval of, the principal of the middle school.

Members are also responsible for compiling an individual record of service, which shall be submitted to their assigned sponsor on or before a date, determined by that sponsor, each semester. The member must record a minimum of 350 service points per semester. The record of service shall record the number of hours, type(s) of service, and points earned. The record shall be signed by the student, service verifier and teacher sponsor.

Article VIII Loss of Membership

A member of this chapter of the National Junior Beta Club may be dropped from membership if he/she is **absent** without justifiable reason from three regular meetings.

A member of this chapter of the National Junior Beta Club may be dropped from membership if his/her **scholastic record** does not maintain a 90 average with no grade lower than 80 for each reporting period. Two nine-weeks of scholastic deficiency during a school year may result in the student being dropped from membership.

A student may be dropped from membership due to **behavior** unbecoming a Beta Club member. A student who is referred to in-school suspension* more than two times may be dropped from membership. Any member who is referred to out-of-school suspension may be dropped from membership.

* in-school suspension is defined as time spent in the planning room during school hours

The principal of West Pine Middle School may also drop a member from membership for moral or disciplinary reasons that are deemed by him/her to be sufficient.

A student may be dropped from membership if he/she fails to meet the **service requirements** outlined in the by-laws. Members who do not meet the service requirements of a given semester may be placed on probation for a reporting period, nine weeks, and must complete the service requirements for the aforementioned semester and turn them in by the end of the probationary period.

Students who fail to meet service requirements for a second time during the school year may be dropped from membership.

A member who does not complete and turn in his/her record of service by the due date for the spring semester may be placed on probation the first semester of the following year and will have one reporting period, nine weeks, to turn in the log. If he/she fails to meet the service requirements, he/she may be dropped from the club.

A student so dropped from membership due to absences, grades, behavior and/or failure to meet the service requirements may apply to rejoin during the following school year, provided he/she meets the requirements laid down in the constitution and by-laws of this chapter of the National Junior Beta Club. Any student who is dropped from the club during the second semester of a school year will be eligible apply to rejoin after the first semester of the following school year.

Article IX **Local Dues and Assessments**

The local dues of this chapter of the National Junior Beta Club shall be \$5.00 per year. This assessment shall be used to defray the costs of special undertakings, such as the induction ceremony, eighth grade promotion recognition, service projects, club socials and state convention.

A one-time membership fee of \$15.00 will be collected from each member prior to his/her induction. This fee is sent directly to the National Junior Beta Club headquarters.

Article X **Induction of Members**

The induction of new members into the membership of this chapter of the National Junior Beta Club shall be one of the dignities appropriate to the ideals of the organization. Any pre-induction initiation activity must be submitted to and approved by the principal of West Pine Middle School. They must not be of a nature to cause physical pain or mental embarrassment to the initiate.

Article XI **Officers**

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

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.

The duties of the **vice-president** shall be to preside at meetings when the president is absent or incapacitated to perform the duties of the office; to assist in administering the affairs of the chapter-serving on such committees as are designated in the by-laws; and to be in charge of the agenda for Beta meetings.

The duties of the **secretary** shall be: to keep a record of membership; to record the minutes of the meetings; and to carry on the necessary club correspondence.

The duties of the **treasurer** shall be: to keep a record of all financial matters pertaining to this organization; to collect and preserve the club's funds; to designate moneys to meet the financial obligations of the club; and to pass on to the treasurer succeeding him all records and funds remaining in the treasury.

The duties to the **reporter** shall be: to arrange publicity for any activities or special features of club operations or any of its members in local and state newspapers, on radio, or television.

Article XII **Election of Officers**

Officers shall be elected by the membership during the last reporting period of each school year. President, vice-president, secretary and treasurer shall be elected from the seventh grade membership.

Representatives shall be elected by the membership during the last reporting period of each school year. Representatives shall be elected from the sixth grade membership.

New officers shall be inducted during the spring induction ceremony.