



Dale County High School
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An Explanation of DCHS Beta Club 2024-2025

Eligibility for Membership

Membership in Dale County High School Beta Club is open to students in grades 9-12. Students must apply for membership and pay member dues each year. To qualify, students must meet the following criteria and be approved by the sponsor and/or administration:

- no more than two grades of “B” per semester for two consecutive semesters prior to application; students with any grade(s) lower than “B” will not be considered for membership
- extraordinary discipline record
 - o can not have excessive (as determined by the sponsor, panel of teachers, and club officers) Class I violations as stated in the student handbook
 - o no referrals listed as Class II, III, or IV violations according to the student handbook (extenuating circumstances will be reviewed by the sponsor, a panel of teachers, principal and/or assistant principal, and the club officers)
- regular school attendance as outlined in the student handbook; students with excessive absences as defined in the student handbook for the last two consecutive semesters prior to application will not be considered for membership

Member Dues

Each member of Beta is required to pay membership dues yearly. (Ninth grade students are considered ‘new members’ even if he/she was a Beta member at the middle school; middle school is Jr. Beta and grades 9-12 are Sr. Beta.)

- New Members:
 - o \$15 New Member Dues (payable once)
 - o + \$20 Local Dues (pay yearly)
 - o TOTAL \$35
- Returning Members:
 - o \$20 Local Dues; payable yearly

Acceptance Letters will provide the due date for club dues.

Service and Event Participation

“Let Us Lead By Serving Others” is the National Beta Club Motto. Therefore, participation in service projects and club-sponsored events and activities is mandatory for all DCHS Beta members. Each member is required to fully participate in all service projects, events, and activities. If a member has an approved, extenuating circumstance that prohibits his or her full participation in a service project, a monetary donation or approved community service (to be determined by the sponsor according to the service project) may be considered. If a substitution is to be made, it must be fulfilled within one week of the project or activity. A club member cannot have more than one substitution per year without incurring probationary status. Beta Club will participate in at least two service projects per semester.

Absences from club meetings do not release or excuse a member from participation in anything.

Grades

Grades of members will be checked at the end of each semester. If a member's grades drop below the requirements for membership, he/she will be placed on probation for the following semester. If the member has not achieved required grades as stated by the end of the second semester, he/she will forfeit membership in Beta Club. However, if a student earns a failing grade (F) for the semester, he/she will be immediately dismissed from Beta Club.

A senior (12th Grade Student) Beta Club member cannot receive Beta honors and/or recognition at Honors Day or Graduation while on probation. Probationary status must be cleared PRIOR to May 1, 2025. Probationary senior class members of Beta Club will be notified prior to May 1 as to the conditions that must be satisfied in order to graduate with Beta honors/recognition.

Behavior

Beta members are not perfect, but they must strive to maintain excellent behavior at all times. Excessive referrals (as determined by the sponsor, panel of teachers, club officers, and administration) for 'minor' offenses as stated in the Student Handbook may result in probationary status. A single referral for 'intermediate' or 'major' offenses will result in revoking of membership unless the sponsor, a panel of teachers, club officers, and administration intervene due to extenuating circumstances.

Behavior expectations on field trips are particularly high. Any member who behaves inappropriately or becomes disrespectful to anyone will be sent home immediately at the expense of the parents and his/her membership will be revoked immediately.

Attendance

Regular school attendance is expected of all Beta members as set forth in the Student Handbook. Any member who has excessive absences for any one class or for the entire school day will be placed on probationary status immediately. Further absences will result in revoking of membership. Exceptions to this standard apply only as the Student Handbook mandates.

Attendance at club meetings is required for the entire length of the club meeting. Any member absent for more than two meetings without prior permission from the sponsor will be placed on probationary status. Further absences could result in the revoking of membership. Students not present during club time due to Dual Enrollment or Career Center are excused provided they meet with the sponsor the day of the meeting for missed information.

Fund-Raising

Fund-raising events will be necessary as Beta Club is a service organization. Service to our school and community requires money. EVERY member of Beta is required to participate in fund-raising events/projects or he/she may make an equivalent monetary donation to the club.



DCHS Beta Club Application for Membership

****Application is due by Friday, August 23, 2024****

Late applications will not be considered for Fall Membership

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

I have received, read, understand, and agree to abide by the stipulations outlined in the handout entitled, "An Explanation of DCHS Beta Club 2024-2025".

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applying as:

- Returning Member: _____
- New Member: _____
 - If applying as a new member, what was the name of your previous school?

Qualifications for Membership:

- all A's or no more than 2 B's per semester of the previous school year (2 consecutive semesters)
- no major discipline referrals
- no criminal record

Membership Dues:

- New Members: **\$35** (\$15 New Member + \$20 Local)
- Returning Members: **\$20**

NOTE Once membership eligibility has been approved, you will be given a Congratulations/Welcome letter with fee money information.

Email Andrea Thompson at athompson@dalecountyboe.org or Kelsey Park at kpark@dalecountyboe.org for any questions.

