

WMS EPSILON BETA CLUB

PERMISSION FORM

Epsilon Beta is a state-wide club with chapters for high school or middle school students interested in the library. It's official name is Episcpoi Tes Bibliothekes: "Keepers of the Library." Epsilon Beta is an affiliate of the [Missouri Association of School Librarians \(MASL\)](#).

The first Epsilon Beta club was started in Washington, MO in 1931, and by 1969 the organization had expanded statewide. Chapters engage in a variety of activities, which could include:

- Book donations to local libraries
- Teacher appreciation events during National Library Week
- Social events
- Participation in school events, like Homecoming
- Promote literacy throughout the student body by reading challenges, reading incentives, and reading awards.
- Annual community service projects that involve donations but not to a local library. The donations go to a local charity.
- Coordinating activities during Banned Book Week, Children's Book Week and TeenTober
- Monthly shelf reading in the library
- and more!

Most importantly, the purpose of the WMS chapter of Epsilon Beta is to encourage reading for pleasure among 7th and 8th grade students and to build a community of readers. During our meetings members will discuss books, help promote reading at WMS, and work on writing for our book blog. There will be a permission form for parents to sign granting students permission to participate in the book blog.

Here is how it will work:

- Members need to return a signed permission form in order to participate (see other side of this paper)
- This is a club for current WMS students only.
- A schedule of meetings for the rest of the school year is coming soon! I will make every effort to let you know if a meeting has been canceled in plenty of time to make other arrangements.
- I will share updates and event information through Google Classroom and Remind.

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Mrs. Jankowski
WMS Library Media Specialist

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN TO MRS. JANKOWSKI IN THE LIBRARY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

Print Student's Name:

Grade Level:

Student Signature:

Parent(s) Signature:

Parent Contact Information (email/phone number):