

John S. Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School

National Beta Club (Senior Division) Requirements

Officers:

- Members in good standing are eligible to be elected as officers.
 - President – runs the meetings and coordinates with sponsors to schedule events
 - Vice President – runs the meetings with the President and monitors service hours
 - Secretary – records minutes for the meetings and monitors attendance
 - Treasurer – records and monitors dues payments
- Officers must remain active and in good standing during their tenure, or they may be replaced by sponsor appointment.

Academic:

- Members must maintain a **3.700 cumulative core (HOPE) GPA**. Grades will be reviewed for active eligibility at the end of each semester. Eligible freshmen will be notified in January after First Semester grades are finalized.
- Falling below the required GPA will remove your active status. As an inactive member you cannot claim Beta activity for recommendations, LITA awards, or any other membership verification requirement.
- Seniors with a GPA below 3.700 or who are on academic probation during spring semester for academic dishonesty are *ineligible to receive graduation apparel* regardless of dues payment, service hours completion, or meeting attendance.

Attendance:

- Members must attend **at least 60% of the monthly meetings per year**.
- Members must attend one mandatory meeting – the Induction Ceremony – or incur 1 penalty hour.
- Students will be required to sign in at each meeting or event. Members are to sign in for themselves only. Any member caught signing in for another member OR signing in but not attending may be dismissed from Beta. You must be **on time** and remain for at least half of the meeting to count for your attendance.
- Reminders for meetings will be primarily sent through Remind (@dfabeta), but they may also be announced on W DFA or sent via **school email**.
- Lacking the required attendance will remove your active status. As an inactive member you cannot claim Beta activity for recommendations, LITA awards, or any other membership verification requirement.

Dues:

- Annual dues for Beta Club are **\$50 for the induction year and \$10 each subsequent year of membership**. This fee includes a club t-shirt.
- If dues payment is a financial hardship, please see Ms. Brown in private to discuss options.
- Non-payment of dues will remove your active status. As an inactive member you cannot claim Beta activity for recommendations, LITA awards, or any other membership verification requirement. Seniors owing dues are *ineligible to receive graduation apparel* until the dues are paid in full.

Community Service:

- Community service is freely and unselfishly giving of your time, skills, and effort. *This means that you receive no reward such as grades, money, etc.* You give for the sake of giving. This is the heart of the National Beta Club.
- Each member is required to complete a total of **TWENTY (20)** community service hours each year, divided as follows:
 - **TEN (10) in-school** service hours provided for DFA in any capacity an adult supervisor sees fit, such as assisting with school activities, helping individual teachers with classroom organization, or tutoring students.
 - **TEN (10) out-of-school** service hours for non-DFA-related community projects, such as working with a religious-affiliated organization or volunteering at Golden Harvest Food Bank.
 - Hours completed by current members during the summer will count toward the following membership year.
- Members must participate in **ONE (1)** club-sponsored event per semester. Time accrued while attending these events counts toward your volunteer hours.
- Each member will keep a service hours log that will be submitted at the end of each membership year. The exact deadline date will be announced well in advance. Supervisor signatures and contact information is REQUIRED. Logs without this information will be returned to member for completion. ***Family members CANNOT serve as the only adult supervisor or sign the service log for verification.***
- Lacking the required service hours will incur penalty hours (1.5 × the number of hours less than the required number for each category).
- Incomplete service hours, including penalty hours, will remove your active status. As an inactive member you cannot claim Beta activity for recommendations, LITA awards, or any other membership verification requirement.
- Seniors lacking service hours are *ineligible to receive graduation apparel* until the service hours, including penalty hours, are completed in full.

Behavior:

- Members who engage in **personal conduct unbecoming members of the Beta Club may be disqualified from membership and dismissed from Beta** pursuant to policies developed by the National Board of Directors. This includes suspension for *non-attendance issues* as indicated in the Richmond County Code of Conduct and substantiated instances of academic dishonesty.
- Issues that may arise will be discussed in committee with the member, the sponsors, and the school administration.
- Seniors on disciplinary probation during the spring semester are *ineligible to receive graduation apparel* regardless of dues payment, service hours completion, or meeting attendance.

Graduation:

- A graduation honor stole is earned through dedication and commitment to the success and growth of the DFA Beta Club.
- Only those senior members who are in active status will receive a graduation stole (white for members, gold for current officers).
- Senior members in good academic standing (GPA of 3.700 or higher), regardless of active status, shall be issued a gold seal of the National Beta Club to be attached to their high school diplomas.