

# John S. Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School

## National Beta Club (Senior Division) Requirements

### Academic:

- Members must maintain a 3.700 cumulative CORE GPA (92.500 for rising 9<sup>th</sup> grade). Grades will be reviewed at the end of each semester.
- 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 cheating or plagiarism 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 WDFB or sent via **school email**.
- Failure to attend the required number of meetings to meet the 60% requirement will incur penalty in-school service hours (½ hour for each meeting missed).
- 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.
- Seniors with any penalty service hours are *ineligible to receive graduation apparel* until the hours are completed.

### Dues:

- Annual dues for Beta Club are \$20 in the induction year and \$5 each subsequent year of membership.
- Non-payment of dues for more than one year will result in dismissal from Beta.
- 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.
- Each member will keep a service log that will be submitted at the end of each semester. The exact deadline dates 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 may NOT sign the service log for verification.*

- Lacking the required service hours will incur penalty hours ( $1.5 \times$  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.
- 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.

## Officers:

- Members in good standing are eligible to be elected as officers.
  - President – runs the meetings, coordinates with sponsors to schedule events
  - Vice President – runs the meetings with the President, monitors service hours
  - Secretary – records minutes for the meetings, 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.

## **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) shall be issued a gold seal of the National Beta Club to be attached to their high school diplomas.

## ***Addendum:***

The following modifications are being made for the 2020-2021 school year to accommodate COVID restrictions:

### ***Attendance***

- Meetings will occur both in-person and online. Once the meeting schedule is established, the schedule will be posted on Microsoft Teams in the Beta Club channel, via Remind, and on the Beta Club website.
  - Students are still expected 60% of the scheduled meetings.
  - The Induction Ceremony may be in person or virtual, depending on how many members are being inducted and if social distancing can be maintained in person. Whichever way it is held, members will still incur a penalty hour if not attended.

### ***Community Service***

- Each member is only required to complete a total of **TEN (10)** community service hours for the year.
  - This includes **FIVE (5)** hours for in-school, and **FIVE (5)** hours for out-of-school.
  - Students who maintain Online Enrollment in the second semester OR if the entire school moves to Online Enrollment in the second semester, in-school hours requirements may be waived or modified.