

# The Hasbrouck Heights Middle School Chapter of The National Junior Beta Club – Constitution and By-Laws (Updated June 2023)

## Standards of Membership

The initial requirements for membership will fall under two categories: **Scholastic and Character**. Students must meet both in order to be considered for membership.

The **Scholastic requirements** for membership in this chapter of the National Junior Beta Club shall be: a grade of B+ or better in any honors level course with grades of A- or better in all other courses throughout their entire 6th and/or 7th grade year.

The **Character requirements** for membership focuses on the students' behavior both inside and outside the classroom. The requirements are as follows:

- The student has received no more than **two (2)** detentions throughout the year. This includes any of, or a combination of both teacher and central/administrative detentions, including detention for school tardiness.
- The student has not been given Saturday School.
- The student has not been suspended.

These requirements are valid throughout the entire school year, even after a membership invitation has been extended. If the student falls under grade requirements, and/or receives any disciplinary action, the membership invitation can be revoked under the discretion of the advisors and/or principal.

## Administrative / Disciplined Actions

A member of this chapter of the Junior Beta Club may be declared inactive if they are absent without justifiable reason from two regular consecutive meetings.

A member of this chapter of the National Junior Beta Club may be declared inactive if their scholastic record falls below First Honor Roll.

However, no member may be assigned inactive status for scholastic deficiency without being accorded a probationary period of two marking periods to raise their scholastic record above the minimum required for membership.

The sponsors of Hasbrouck Heights Middle School chapter may drop a member from membership for moral or disciplinary reasons that are deemed by them to be sufficient.

## Service Project and Community Service Hours

As soon as possible after its activation in the fall term of the school year, the Chapter will undertake a program of service, which will be of benefit to the local or school community. The project shall be decided upon only after consultation with, and upon approval of, the sponsors.

At a minimum, the Hasbrouck Heights Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Beta Club will sponsor two service projects per year.

All 7<sup>th</sup> grade Beta members must complete **10 hours** of individual community service by **June 15<sup>th</sup>** in order to be granted membership into 8<sup>th</sup> grade. **All hours must be completed outside of school.**

All 8<sup>th</sup> grade Beta members must complete **15 hours** of individual community service by **June 15<sup>th</sup>** in order to receive full recognition at Graduation. This includes honor cords, and recognition within the Graduation program. **These hours can be completed by volunteering with Beta events at school, including Book Fair, Back to School Night, Induction Ceremony, etc.**