

Loftis Middle School Beta Club Constitution as of 2017-2018 Academic Year

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Loftis Middle School Chapter of National Junior Beta Club.

Article II: Affiliation and Co-ordination

This chapter of National Junior Beta is an integral part of the central organization of National Junior/Senior Beta Club, and shall be governed by the academic policies that are established at Loftis Middle School and the financial policies established by Loftis Middle School and HCDE. The national constitution of the central organization of National Junior/Senior Beta has been used as a guideline. The coat-of-arms, motto, colors, creed, and official insignia shall be those of the national organization of National Junior/Senior Beta.

Article III: Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be the promotion of excellent academic achievement, service, leadership, and citizenship at Loftis Middle School. Additionally, this organization shall prepare and compete at the state and national competitions in an excellent manner.

Article IV: Membership

The membership of this organization shall be made up among students in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades of Loftis Middle School who, because of their worthy character, good mentality, creditable achievement, and commendable attitude, have been approved for membership by the executive head of Loftis Middle School provided, of course, that these students meet the academic and behavioral requirements as set forth in the by-laws of this organization below.

Article V: Officers

The officers of this chapter of National Junior Beta shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historians. The duties of the President shall be to preside at the meetings; to appoint the committees of the chapter (unless otherwise provided for in the by-laws); to represent this organization when necessary; and to administer the policies as laid down in this constitution and its by-laws. The duties of the Vice-President shall be to preside at meetings when the president is absent or incapacitated to perform the duties of the office, and to assist in administering the affairs of the chapter – serving on such committees as are designated in the by-laws. The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep the records of membership; to record the minutes of the meetings; and to carry on the necessary club correspondence. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to keep a record of certain financial matters pertaining to this organization, and to prepare an electronic agenda from the secretary's notes for club meetings. The duties of the Historians shall be to document Loftis Middle School Beta Events with both written record and photography.

Article VI: Committees

Committees may be appointed by the sponsors directly or the President after sponsor approval.

Article VII: Meetings

Regular meetings may be held at such times and places as shall designated in the by-laws. Special meetings may be called by the sponsors directly or the President after sponsor approval.

Article VIII: Services

Besides endeavoring at all times to be of service to Loftis Middle School and its students by upholding high standards of honesty and good citizenship, this chapter of National Junior Beta shall— after consultation with and upon the approval of the executive head of the school—undertake some worthwhile service project(s), as designated in the by-laws below.

Article IX: Amending the Constitution

Faculty sponsors may amend the constitution of this organization after consultation with and upon the approval of the executive head of the school.

BY-LAWS

Article I: Time and Place of Meetings

The time and place of meetings of this chapter of National Junior Beta shall be decided upon only after consultation with, and upon the approval of, the executive head of Loftis Middle School. The times for the meetings will be from 2:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. on the dates designated on the LMS Beta Calendar. The place of the meetings of this chapter of National Junior Beta shall be in the school cafeteria.

Article II: Quorum

Not applicable at this time.

Article III: Standards of Membership

Standards of membership in the Loftis Middle School chapter of National Junior Beta must conform to the general features as laid down in the national constitution, and in all cases must be approved by the executive head of the school.

Standards for maintaining membership in the Loftis Middle School chapter of National Junior Beta include the following...

- Students must achieve a “90” average or above for each academic quarter
- Students must not have more than one “B” per academic quarter
- Students must not have any grades lower than a “B” per academic quarter
- Students must not have “in-school” or “out-of-school” suspensions per quarter

Not meeting the quarterly academic requirements will result in immediate “probationary” status for the student. Probationary status suspends the student’s involvement in club activities for one quarter. This is to allow the student an opportunity to remedy any academic struggles. Failure to meet academic requirements by the following academic quarter will result in dismissal from the club.

Any seventh or eighth grade student receiving an “in-school” or “out-of-school” suspension will have their Beta membership revoked.

Any sixth grade student receiving an “in-school” or “out-of-school” suspension after induction will be suspended from the club for the remainder of the quarter of the infraction as well as the subsequent quarter. After the suspension, a review process will determine whether a student may be re-instated or not. This review process requires the approval and recommendation of the student’s current core and non-core teaches as well as the approval of each sponsor. Failure to secure approval from any of these individuals will disqualify a student from “member re-instatement”. Furthermore, the student must maintain the “standards of membership” as a part of “member re-instatement” eligibility. Any quarter, whereby the suspended student does not maintain the “standards of membership”, excludes that student from “membership re-instatement” into the Loftis Middle School chapter of the National Junior Beta.

Article IV: Induction of Members

The induction of students as new members into the Loftis Middle School chapter of National Junior Beta shall be one of dignity appropriate to the ideals of the organization. (*This only applies to sixth and seventh graders. Eighth graders are not inducted*). The scholastic requirements for induction into the Loftis Middle School chapter of National Junior Beta shall be achieved during the second quarter of the academic school year. Behavioral requirements for induction must be met for first and second quarters of the academic school year.

Sixth and seventh grade academic requirements:

- Students must achieve a “93” average or higher for the second quarter.
- Students must not have more than one “B” for the quarter.
- Students must not have any grades below a “B” for the quarter.
- Students must not have “in-school” or “out-of-school” suspensions during first or second quarter of academic school year of induction.

Sixth grade behavioral exception:

“Out-of-school” and “in-school” suspensions received by sixth grade students, who are academically eligible for induction, may be reviewed the following academic year for “member instatement” as a seventh grader. This review process requires the approval and recommendation of the student’s current core and non-core teachers as well as the approval of each sponsor. Failure to secure approval from any of these individuals disqualifies students from “member instatement”. “Member instatement” is not an induction. Since the student qualified for induction as a sixth grader, that student does not have to requalify academically for induction, but the student does have to maintain the “standards of membership” as a part of “member instatement” eligibility. Any quarter whereby the student does not maintain the “standards of membership” will exclude that student from membership into the Loftis Middle School chapter of the National Junior Beta.

Article V: Loss of Membership

A member of this chapter of National Junior Beta may be dropped from membership if he/she is absent without a justifiable reason from two regular meetings. Extenuating circumstances will require appropriate documentation (see a sponsor). A member of this chapter of National Junior Beta may be dropped from membership if his/her scholastic record falls below previously stated standards (*per*

Article IV). When a member is dropped from membership, a record of this action shall be relayed to the student, the student's parents and the national office of National Junior Beta.

Article VI: Service Project

During the fall semester of the school year, this chapter of National Junior/ Senior Beta will undertake a program of service, which will be of benefit to the Loftis Middle School and the Lakesite Community. This program shall be a series of ongoing service opportunities that are decided upon only after consultation with, and upon approval of, the executive head of the school.

Article VII: Local Dues and Assessments

The local dues of this chapter of National Junior Beta shall be \$45.00 upon induction. This induction fee covers national membership materials and fees and induction ceremony costs. Further assessments (may/may not) be made upon the membership to defray the costs of special undertakings.

Article VIII: Amending the By-Laws

The sponsors may amend the by-laws of this chapter of National Junior Beta, after consultation with and upon the approval of the executive head of the school.