

# HHS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY & BETA CLUB BY-LAWS 2019-2020

## **ARTICLE I - Time and Place of Meetings**

The time and place of meetings of this chapter of the National Honor Society & National Beta Club shall be decided upon only after consultation with, and upon arrival of, the executive head of the Hahnville High School. The time of the meetings of this chapter of the National Beta Club shall be after school once a month. The place of the meetings of this chapter of the National Beta Club shall be in the cafeteria, auditorium or sponsors classroom.

## **ARTICLE II - Standards of Membership**

The classes from which members may be drawn shall be 10th, 11th, and 12th. At the beginning of each year, members shall be drawn from 10th graders whose average of final 9th grade subjects who meet the requirements below; and 11th graders whose average of final 9th-10th grade subjects meet the requirements below and 12th graders whose average of final 9th-11th grade subjects meets the requirements below. **If a potential member does not join during the first year of eligibility, the potential member cannot join during a subsequent year.**

Standards of membership in the Hahnville High School chapter of the National Honor Society & National Beta Club must conform to the general features as laid down in the National Constitutions; and in all cases must be approved by the executive head of the high school. The scholastic requirement for membership shall be for National Honor Society at 3.75 or above numerical grading scale of 4.0. The scholastic requirement for membership shall be for National Beta Club at 3.0 or above on a numerical grading scale of 4.0

## **ARTICLE III - Initiation and Induction of Members**

The initiation and induction of new members into the membership of this chapter of the National Honor Society & National Beta Club shall be one of dignity appropriate to the ideals of the organization. Any pre-induction initiation activity must be submitted to and approved by the executive head of the Hahnville High School. It must not be of a nature to cause physical pain or mental embarrassment to the initiate.

## **ARTICLE IV - Loss of Membership**

A member of this chapter of the National Honor Society and The National Beta Club may be dropped from membership if his or her scholastic record falls below the above listed average. However, no member may be dropped from membership for scholastic deficiency without being accorded a probationary period of one semester to raise his or her scholastic record above the minimum required for membership.

A member of this chapter of the National Honor Society or Beta Club maybe dropped from membership if he or she has not paid the yearly \$15 dues.

A member of this chapter of the Beta Club may be dropped immediately from membership if he or she has not been an active participant in the club. A beta member must complete 10 hours of community service by the end of the school year. FIVE of the yearly service hours must be through school related services.

Senior Honor Society members must complete 20 hours of community service by the end of the school year. FIVE of the yearly service hours must be through school related services.

Junior Honor Society members must complete 15 hours of community service by the end of the school year. FIVE of the yearly service hours must be through school related services.

For ALL members, half of the service hours need to be completed and turn in before the Christmas Holidays.

For ALL members, participation in NHS/Beta holiday gift drive for underprivileged children in St Charles Parish. All members are required to purchase one assigned gift.

Membership can be forfeited if a member is involved in any instances of bullying and/or hazing. The executive head of HHS may drop a member from membership for moral or disciplinary reasons that are deemed by him or her to be sufficient.

## **ARTICLE V – Graduates**

### **Beta Graduates**

Upon graduation all members having an overall 92.0 average of his or her final 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade subjects, shall be awarded a gold Beta cord to be worn at graduation ceremonies, a gold seal affixed to his or her diploma, and shall be recognized in the graduation program as a Beta member in good standing. Half of the cost of the Beta cords must be paid by the Beta member before receiving their Beta cords. The cords will be presented at the senior cord ceremony in the spring.

### **National Honor Society & Beta Graduates**

Upon graduation all members having an overall 95.0 average of his or her final 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade subjects, shall be awarded a white NHS sash and a gold Beta cord to be worn at graduation ceremonies, two gold seals affixed to his or her diploma, and shall be recognized in the graduation program as a Beta member in good standing. Half of the cost of the NHS and Beta cords must be paid by the NHS member before receiving their sash and cord. The sash and cord will be presented at the senior cord ceremony in the spring.

## **ARTICLE VI - State Beta Convention**

Only members in good standing can attend convention. All members wanting to attend must attend all convention meetings. The cost of attending convention must be paid by the member by all set deadlines. The initial \$50.00 deposit is non-refundable. All members attending convention must compete in an on-sit academic or art/craft competition.

## **ARTICLE VII - Officers**

All officers must be National Honor Society and/or Beta Club members in good standing. All officers must maintain the above listed GPA and completed the required number of service hours. If an officer does not maintain the above listed GPA, that officer will be removed from office and be replaced.

Any member interested in running for an office must turn in the completed forms by the assigned date. Election speeches will be held at the first National Honor Society/Beta meeting of the school year. All speeches will be posted on Google Classroom and current members will be allowed one week to vote.

All officers are required to attend all meetings, inductions, State Beta Convention, and Trunk-or-Treat.

### **National Honor Society Officers**

The offices available for National Honor Society are President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian. To run for and become President the National Honor Society Member must be a senior. Also, the President may NOT be the Senior Class President.

### **Beta Officers**

The offices available for Beta are President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian. To run for and become President the Beta Member must be a senior. Also, the President may NOT be the Senior Class President.

### **Elections**

All members who would like to declare intentions for office must turn in paperwork by the deadline set by the sponsors. Elections will be held through Google Classroom after the first official NHS/Beta meeting of the school year. Only current NHS/Beta members will be eligible to vote in the election.

### **Officers Descriptions for National Honor Society and Beta**

The **President** shall have general supervision of the club, and shall, in cooperation with the sponsor and head of the local school administration and with the executive committee, determine all policies and general activities of the chapter. He/she shall preside at all meetings; shall appoint all committees of the club, as set forth hereafter; and shall see that the local chapter is properly represented at all inter-club meetings and conventions. The President must be a senior and may NOT be the Senior Class President.

The **Vice-President** shall act in the place of the president in the event of the latter's absence from school or the meetings; he shall also act as chairperson of the executive committee, shall serve as general assistance to the president.

The **Secretary** shall keep all records of all the local chapter, shall keep minutes of all meetings, and shall carry on all correspondence of the club, and countersign all certificates of the local members

The **Treasurer** shall have general charge of the finances of the local club, shall collect all fees, pay approved bills, and make a full statement of the financial condition of the local club at the last regular meeting of the scholastic year, at which time he shall turn over all money and financial records of his office to the incoming treasurer.

The **Parliamentarian** shall advise the presiding officer, other officers, and members on matters of parliamentary procedure.