

BSMS Junior Beta Club Informational Meeting

“Let us lead by serving others”

A National Beta Organization



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What is the National Junior Beta Club?

- National Organization
- 2 Junior Beta Divisions
 1. Junior Beta Division 1 – Elementary 4th and 5th grade
 2. Junior Beta Division 2 – 6th – 8th grade (Students must requalify in 6th grade)
*6th graders being inducted this year will start participating in 7th grade
 3. Focused on four area (pillars):
Character, Leadership, Achievement, and Service

BSMS Junior Beta Vision

Vision:

The BSMS Junior Beta Club will be a positive environment where students can build leadership and character through service to our community.



The Requirements for Induction

- 3.85 GPA (after 1st semester in 6th and 7th grade) – Includes all classes (academic and connections)
- No discipline referrals
- Induction fee (includes membership certificate, membership ID number, and pin) - \$35 one time fee
- Attend Spring Induction (TBD)



Membership Responsibilities

- Maintain a 3.85 GPA and a clean discipline record
- Sign membership contract (once per year and will be given out at the first meeting)
- Attend monthly meetings
 - ❑ Usually the second Tuesday of the month from *4-5 pm in your grade level sponsor's room.
 - ❑ If you cannot attend a meeting, you must
 1. Provide an excuse to your grade level sponsor
 2. Complete an additional service hour for each missed meeting.
- Complete 10 hours of qualifying service for each term (Summer, 1st, 2nd and 3rd)

Service Hour Requirements

- 10 service hours per nine weeks (Summer, 1st, 2nd 3rd)
- No more than 3 hours from donations
- No more than 3 hours from family events
- No limit to community hours
- Due last Friday of each 9 weeks period before break. Anything turned in after is considered late. Any events planned over breaks should count towards the next nine weeks period

Examples of Service Hours

- **Beta Hours** – official Beta Club events (Clean the Campus, Operation Christmas, Spaghetti Dinner, etc). We discuss these at monthly meetings and send Remind messages for upcoming events
- **Donation Hours** – donations of goods to charitable causes - \$7 worth of goods = 1 hour; Examples include – BSMS food pantry, Operation Christmas, etc.
- **Family Hours** – helping family members (NOT including chores and NOT paid)
- **Church Hours** – assisting with church functions (NOT paid)
- **Community Hours** – any other community projects that do not fall into the other categories (food bank, soup kitchen, animal shelter, helping neighbors, etc)

*note: if an activity is REQUIRED by another organization, it is not volunteer work.

Probation

- **Members may be placed on probation for the following reasons:**

Not attending monthly meetings (Students can miss 3)

Failing to turn in service hours

Failure to turn in correct hours with signatures

Loss of required GPA

- **Probation is a warning**

- **If you meet all expectations the following nine weeks, you will be returned to full membership**

Removal

- **Members may be removed for the following reasons:**

Discipline Referral (Automatic Dismissal)

Probation status TWO 9 weeks in a row (Ex. Failure to turn in service hours, not meeting the GPA requirement, etc.)

Officers

- **Current Jr. Beta members can run for a leadership position**

President: Lead meetings, Speaks at induction

Vice President: Supports the President's duties/responsibilities

Secretary: Takes roll and minutes during meetings

- **Students can create posters asking students to vote for them and we will hold the election at our second meeting in September**
- **Students running for office will spend a few minutes before voting to encourage their peers to vote for them**

Next Steps

- Make sure you and your parents sign up for Remind Parents:**
- Get your membership contract signed**
- Join the Jr Beta Google Classroom**
- Take home a service hour sheet**
- Turn in summer hours today to your grade level sponsor**

Together, we

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