



Morningside Elementary School Junior Beta Club Member Policy



The Morningside Elementary School Junior Beta Club supports the mission of the National Beta Club which is to promote the ideals of academic achievement, character, service and leadership among elementary and secondary school students. Our club was chartered in 2017 and may offer membership to 4th and 5th grade students who meet or exceed the national and local club requirements.

To be eligible for membership for the Jr. Beta Club, the student must meet all of the following criteria:

- Earn grades of 85% (min.) in ELA, Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies. GATE is also included.
- Exhibit exemplary behavior, character and attitude in and out of school toward peers and adults.
- Have no more than 5 unexcused absences in a school year, past and present

The National Beta Club believes exemplary student effort and achievement should be encouraged and rewarded. Therefore, the governing body of The National Beta Club, in seeking to cultivate ideals of service and leadership in our citizens of tomorrow, has instituted this organization for schools. Their mission and Morningside's is to promote these ideals through club events, meetings, and service projects which embrace and embody the four pillars of Beta. These pillars are:

Achievement: Recognizing and honoring high academic achievement.

Character: Preparing young people for life and empowering them to be successful.

Leadership: Developing the leaders of tomorrow.

Service: Demonstrating our motto, "Let us lead by serving others."

Membership is an earned privilege, not a right.

What happens if a member does not maintain eligibility for the Morningside Jr. Beta Club?

- If a student falls below 85% in any subject on his/her report card, the member is placed on **probation** for the very next quarter. During this probationary quarter, the student will still serve as an active member as he/she works to raise any unsatisfactory grades to the required 85% minimum by the end of the probationary period. If by the end of this period, the student has not improved his or her grades to the required minimum, he/she will be dismissed from the Morningside Jr. Beta Chapter. If the student does meet the 85% or higher requirement, he/she will return to being a member in good standing of the Morningside Jr. Beta Chapter.
- If a teacher or administrator finds a member's behavior to be contradictory to the expectation of excellence and outstanding character Beta requires, the member will be immediately placed on probation for the remainder of the school year. During the probationary time, the student will continue to serve as an active member unless the uncharacteristic behavior continues at which point, the students will be permanently dismissed from the Jr. Beta Club at Morningside.
- If a member reaches 5 unexcused absences during a school year, the student is placed on probation. If the student reaches 6 unexcused absences during the school year, the student will be dismissed from the Jr. Beta Club.

Note: No exceptions will be made to the probationary/dismissal process.