Union Academy
Senior Beta Club

By-Laws

Article I
Name
The name of this organization shall be The Union Academy Senior Beta Club.

Article II
Purpose
The purpose of this organization shall be: to promote the ideals of honesty, service, morality, ethical conduct, and leadership, to reward meritorious achievement, and to encourage and assist students in continuing their education after high school. The Union Academy Senior Beta Club is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of the prestigious national organization.

Article III
Governance
The work of the local club shall be carried on under the supervision and with the advice of a club sponsor. The extent of the participation of the sponsor in the working of the organization shall be left to each sponsor's discretion. However, in all events, conducting the business of meetings should be left to the students themselves; thus affording the student officers and committees practice in parliamentary procedure.

Article IV
Membership
Membership is open to those students in the 9th – 12th grade who meet the required standards in four areas of evaluation: (1) scholarship, (2) leadership, (3) service, and (4) character. Standards for selection are established by the national offices and have been revised to our local chapter needs.

Students are selected to be members by a Faculty Council which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty of our school each year. Those students who meet the requirements (listed below) are invited to complete a Student Activity Information Form that provides the Faculty Council with information regarding the candidate's leadership and service. A history of leadership experiences and participation in school or community service is also required.

To be eligible for selection to membership in the Union Academy Senior Beta Club, candidates must meet the following requirements:

- Be a member of union Academy's Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, or Senior Class.
- Students in 10th through 12th grade must earn a weighted cumulative GPA of 3.92 or an unweighted cumulative GPA of 3.67 or higher for the year prior to induction. 9th grade candidates must have a cumulative grade average of 96% for the year prior to induction.
- Students must have taken at least one honors course during the course of each of their Freshman and Sophomore years, and must enroll in at least two honors or advanced placement courses per year during their Junior and Senior years.
- Candidates must meet a required daily attendance rate of 95% of all school days (excluding excused absences) for the year prior to induction.
- Any transferring student who was a member of the National Senior Beta Club at a previous school shall, upon transferring to Union Academy, and presenting the proper credentials, automatically become a member of the Union Academy Senior Beta Club if they meet Union Academy's eligibility requirements. Any transferring student who was not a member of the National Senior Beta Club at a previous school must have attended Union Academy the equivalent of one semester to be considered for membership.
Continuing membership requires maintaining the required cumulative GPA (specified above) along with adherence to the honor course, school attendance, and behavior requirements. Additionally, a membership is contingent upon participation in at least one Union Academy Senior Beta club sponsored community service activity during the year, as well as 90% active participation in meetings and functions held by the Union Academy Senior Beta Club. Failure to meet these requirements may result in dismissal from the club.

The Faculty Council uses two forms of input to evaluate a candidate’s character: (1) school disciplinary records, and (2) members of the faculty are solicited for input regarding their professional reflections on a candidate’s service activities, character, and leadership. These forms and the Student Activity Information Forms are carefully reviewed by the Faculty Council to determine membership. A majority vote is necessary for selection. Candidates are notified regarding selection or non-selection. Candidates always have the option of declining any invitation of membership.

Induction:
An induction ceremony will be held to recognize new members. Once inducted, new members are required to maintain the same level of performance, or higher, in all four criteria that led to their selection. Students or parents who have questions regarding the selection process or membership obligations may contact the chapter advisor.

Dues:
New members must pay first year dues of $25. Dues must be paid by the set deadline or the student may be considered for dismissal.

Probation and Removal:
Continuing membership requires maintaining a cumulative GPA (specified above) along with adherence to the honor course, school attendance, and behavior requirements. Additionally, a membership is contingent upon participation in at least one Union Academy Senior Beta club sponsored community service activity during the year, as well as 90% active participation in meetings and functions held by the Union Academy Senior Beta Club. Failure to meet these requirements may result in dismissal from the club.

ISS, OSS, Saturday work detail, or any major offense may lead to immediate consideration for dismissal. When considered for dismissal due to disciplinary concerns, a written notification and hearing before the Faculty Council will be called and conducted. The Faculty Council can select to discipline a member by (1) placing them on probation, during which time they are considered not in good standing with the chapter, although technically still retaining membership (however participation in club meeting and activities is not allowed), (2) suspending certain/specific chapter privileges, (3) removing from an office position (if applicable), (4) requiring the student perform additional school or community services, (5) requiring the student receive special counseling, or (6) dismissing from the club.

With this stated, the advisor reserves the right to remove any student who does not adhere to the proper moral standards that Beta stands for including behavior outside of school as well as on the school campus. You should be the example that others set standards by. If adhering to the bylaws is unacceptable to you, then you should voluntarily remove yourself.

Reinstatement:
Members may be reinstated as a member of the Union Academy Senior Beta Club if the student qualifies under the above requirements, submits a Student Activity Information Form, and is selected for reinstatement by the Faculty Council. Any student removed for non-participation reasons (not attending the required meetings and/or not participating in club activities) will face a one year delay in possible reinstatement.

Article V

Officers

Section 1. President
The president shall have general supervision of the organization and shall, in cooperation with the head of the local school administration and with the sponsor of the local chapter, determine all policies and general activities of the chapter. The president shall preside at all meetings; shall appoint all committees of the club, as set forth hereinafter and shall see that the local chapter is properly represented at all interclub meetings and conventions.

Section 2. Vice-President
The vice-president shall act in the place of the president in the event of the latter's absence from the school or the meetings. The vice-president shall serve as general assistant to the president.

Section 3. Secretary
The secretary shall keep all records of the local chapter keep minutes of all meetings, and carry on all correspondence of the club.

Section 4. Treasurer
The treasurer shall help the sponsor collect all fees, pay approved bills, and make financial returns to the Executive Director. All financial transactions shall be consistent with the policies of the local school. Furthermore, the treasurer shall make a full statement of the financial condition of the local club at the last regular meeting of the school year.
Section 5, Historian (if elected)
The historian shall prepare a portfolio that is presented to the Club at the end of the school year. This portfolio should represent activities performed by the Sr. Beta Club throughout the year. It should include photos, quotes from members, and any additional material to provide a keepsake for this year’s club.

Article VI
Meetings
Each chapter of the club shall meet at a time that shall be determined by the club president or sponsor.

Article VII
Committees
The President, with consultation of the club sponsor and/or the administrator, shall appoint any necessary committees.

Article VIII
Fundraising
Recognizing that in order for services to be rendered, funds must be available. The Union Academy Senior Beta Club will, from time to time, be involved in such fund raising projects as deemed necessary and proper by the President with concurrence of the sponsor and abiding by all rules set forth by the Union Academy Financial Office. All Beta members will be required to participate to see that adequate funds are available for approved projects. Failure to participate in fundraising may result in probation from the club and possible removal.

Article VIII
State Conventions
Only Beta members in good standing will be permitted to attend the State Conventions when attendance is possible during that school year. Each member is required to participate in fundraisers to raise monies to attend the convention when possible (and according to the rules set forth by the Union Academy Financial Office). Ultimately each member is responsible for his/her own convention costs. At no time are they the responsibility of the club.

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