

Requirements for Prospect Elementary School Beta Club Membership

Academic Qualifications: Grades 6-8

The Beta Club honors students who have maintained an A/B average for the first semester of the current school year. No grade lower than a B is allowed. The grades must come from the following academic areas: Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, P.E., Art, Music, CTE's Courses, and Band.

Beta members must maintain A's and B's. Those who have a grade lower than a B will be put on probation for *one nine-week grading period*. Only one probation period will be granted per year. If the student meets academic requirements, he or she will be reinstated. However, if grades have not improved to the standards outlined in paragraph #1, the student will be dropped from membership. An F in any subject will cause the student to be dropped from membership immediately.

Sponsors will screen their respective grade level. Prospective members will be given a letter and a deadline will be given for Beta dues at the respective time.

Conduct

Students are expected to have excellent conduct. If a Beta Club member is suspended from school or placed in ISS he or she will automatically be dropped from membership. If a student is dropped due to OSS/ISS, reinstatement cannot occur while enrolled at Prospect Elementary School. Students must maintain exemplary conduct at all times during the school year.

Community Service

Members are required to volunteer on two school-related projects such as band concerts, fund-raisers, contest participation, teacher assistant, or tutoring. Documentation must be supplied. Keep a record.

Person to Contact if there are questions about Beta Club Membership

- * **Homeroom Teacher**
- * **Grade Level Chairperson**
- * **Beta Club Administrator**
- * **Assistant Principal**
- * **Principal**

North Carolina Gateway Standards

Grade 3 Students must:

- ◆ Meet local promotion requirements.
- ◆ Demonstrate grade-level proficiency by scoring at Level III or above on state End-of-Grade Tests in reading and mathematics.

Grade 5 Students must:

- ◆ Meet local promotion requirements.
- ◆ Demonstrate grade-level proficiency by scoring at Level III or above on state End-of-Grade Tests in reading and mathematics.

Grade 8 Students must:

- ◆ Meet local promotion requirements.
- ◆ Demonstrate grade-level proficiency by scoring at Level III or above on state End-of-Grade Tests in reading and mathematics.

Attendance

K-8 students must attend at least 170 out of 180 days to be considered for promotion to the next grade.

9-12 students must attend at least 85 out of 90 days per semester to be considered for receiving course credit.

Students who exceed these numbers have the opportunity to file an appeal.

Promotion/Retention Policy

Grades K-2:

- A. At the end of the school year, students should demonstrate mastery of required skills listed in the North Carolina Standard Course of Study in reading, math, and writing.
- B. Mastery of these skills will be measured by teacher assessment, the North Carolina K-2 Assessment Instrument, and other local and state recommended assessments.
- C. The Public Schools of Robeson County K-2 Promotion/Retention Checklist will be used for students in K-2 who are being considered for promotion/retention.
- D. Students must meet the local attendance requirement.

Grades 3-5:

- A. In order to be promoted in grades 3-5, each student must show satisfactory progress in at least four (4) of the following courses:
 - 1. Language Arts/Reading
 - 2. Mathematics
 - 3. Social Studies
 - 4. Science
 - 5. Physical Education/Health
 - 6. Arts Education
 - 7. Music

***Required:** Two of the four courses shall be Language Arts/Reading and Mathematics

- B. Meet the local attendance requirement.
- C. Meet appropriate gateway standard (*at grades 3, 5, and 8...see previous page in handbook*).

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Promotion/Retention Policy (Continued)

Grades 6-8:

- A. In order to be promoted in grades 6-8, each student must show satisfactory progress in at least five (5) of the following courses:
1. Language Arts/Reading
 2. Mathematics
 3. Social Studies
 4. Science
 5. Physical Education/Health
 6. Arts Education
 7. A Vocational or Technical Education Class
 8. Music/Band
- Required:** Four of the five courses shall be Language Arts/Reading, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.
- B. Meet the local attendance requirement.
- C. Meet appropriate gateway standard (*at grades 3, 5, and 8...see page 12 in handbook*).

Past Retentions and Waivers

- A. Students in grades K-2 shall only be retained once in this span, provided adequate progress has been made, as determined by the Promotion/Retention Checklist, Student Services Management Team, principal, and teacher(s).
- B. Students in grades 3-5 shall have the standard waived if the students have already been retained once in this grade span, provided adequate progress has been made, as determined by the Student Services Management Team, principal, and teacher(s).
- C. Students in grades 6-8 shall have the standard waived if the students have already been retained once in this grade span, provided adequate progress has been made, as determined by the Student Services Management Team, principal, and teacher(s).
- D. Documentation of improvement must be provided by the classroom teacher(s), and presented to the principal to substantiate that adequate progress has been made.

Citizenship

“The Public Schools of Robeson County encourage all students to develop an understanding and appreciation of citizenship. To build an understanding of citizenship, appropriate instruction will be offered on the rights and responsibilities of citizenship, use and display of the North Carolina and United States flags, and opportunities for the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Student Incentives

At Prospect School, we strive to recognize positive behavior and achievement. In addition to verbal praise, students are recognized in a variety of ways throughout the school year. Awards are intended to promote and recognize academic excellence and good citizenship.

An end-of-year awards program provides additional recognition in areas of academic excellence, positive work habits, and good citizenship.

Student Valuables

Students are highly discouraged from bringing money or other valuables to school. Please encourage your child(ren) to keep needed money for meals or special events in a safe and secure location.

General Expectations of Students

The following rules are applicable to all students:

- *Be considerate and respectful at all times.**
- *Follow directions - the first time given.**
- *Take care of all school property including buildings, grounds, and buses.**
- *Keep hands, feet, objects, and negative/inappropriate comments to self.**