

Kingsport City Schools

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		Rescinds:	Issued:

1 Student organizations (involving only students and Kingsport City Schools staff) or school- related or-
2 ganizations (a booster club, parent-teacher association or similar group) shall be subject to the policies
3 and guidelines established by the Board of Education. All student organizations shall be sponsored by
4 a System employee, approved by the principal or Superintendent of Schools and adhere to internal ac-
5 counting procedures.

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7 Each school shall annually compile a list of its student and school-related organizations and shall submit
8 said list to the Superintendent as outlined in administrative procedures. Only registered organizations are
9 authorized to act as a representative or solicit funds on behalf of Kingsport City Schools or its schools
10 and programs.

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12 The principal or designee(s) shall serve as the liaison(s) to a school-related organization. The liaison(s)
13 shall communicate between the organization and the System.

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15 Any person hired/paid by any student organization or a school-related organization to work with students
16 shall be denominated an "Adjunct Instructor". The use of these non-employee instructors shall
17 meet the standards and conditions described in Policy 5.705 (Adjunct Instructors and Service Contractors).

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19 Plans, projects or activities shall be approved by the principal, or by the Superintendent in the case of
20 system-wide programs, before any action is taken by the student or school-related organization. Fund-
21 raising activities shall be consistent with Board policies. Any funds collected from or for individual
22 students as a requirement to participate in an activity must be processed through the internal financial
23 accounts of that school.

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25 The Superintendent may make an exception to the requirement stated above for chartered, non- profit
26 school-related organizations. Those chartered, non-profit school-related organizations for which excep-
27 tions are granted shall be required to provide proof of the charter and a copy of its annual financial audit.

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29 Failure to follow Board policies or to operate the organization as approved may result in the revocation
30 of approval.

31 **HAZING**

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33 The nature of any initiation shall be outlined and presented in writing to the club sponsor and the prin-
34 cipal of the school for approval prior to the actual initiation. Hazing by students, acting alone or with
35 others, is strictly prohibited. Any organization which permits an initiation to go beyond the scope of
36 activities planned and previously approved will be suspended until reinstated by the principal. A student
37 found guilty of misbehavior may receive punishment ranging from verbal reprimand to suspension and/
38 or expulsion, dependent on the severity of the offense and the offender's prior record.¹

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40 Legal Reference:

41 1. TCA 49-2-120; TCA 49-6-3401