

<b>Students</b>	<b>Section J:</b>		
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Student organizations are an extension of the academic curriculum and are intended to complement the basic instructional program.

The principal, in cooperation with the faculty and student body representatives, shall approve all clubs and organizations within the school.

One or more staff members shall serve as sponsors of each activity and at least one shall attend all meetings. Each sponsor shall evaluate the activity and make recommendations concerning changes, continuance, or deletion from the school's activity program.

An approved copy of the aims, objectives, and constitution for each organization shall be kept on file in the principal's office.

The Director of Schools shall approve all requirements imposed by clubs which have restricted membership.

The nature of any induction shall be outlined and presented in writing to the club sponsor and the principal of the school for approval prior to the actual induction. Hazing of students is strictly prohibited. Any organization which permits an induction to go beyond the scope of activities planned and previously approved shall be suspended until reinstated by the principal.

Sororities, fraternities, and all secret organizations are prohibited.

A parent or legal guardian must provide a dated written consent before a minor student is allowed to become a member of an extracurricular club or organization or participate in any extracurricular activities of a club or organization.<sup>1</sup>

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Legal Reference:

1. T.C.A. § 49-6-1031(b).

Cross Reference:

- Knox County Board of Education Policy I-170 "Extracurricular Activities."

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