

KING PHILIP^S MIDDLE SCHOOL

EXTRA-CURRICULAR STUDENT INFORMATION

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**NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION
SECTION 504**

Applicants for admission and employment, students, parents, employees, sources of referral of applicants for admission and employment, and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the King Philip Regional School District are hereby notified that this district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion, sexual orientation or ancestry in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities. Any person having inquiries concerning the King Philip Regional School District's compliance with the regulation implementing Title VI, Title IX, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or Section 504 is directed to contact the Superintendent of Schools who has been designated by the King Philip Regional School District to coordinate the district's efforts to comply with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title IX, the ADA, and Section 504.

- *The King Philip Regional School District Committee*

Title I Coordinator	<i>Dr. Susan Gilson (Principal-KPMS)</i>
Title II, ADA Coordinator	<i>Ms. Jill Proulx (Principal-KPRHS)</i>
Title VI, Civil Rights Coordinator	<i>Dr. Richard Robbat (Superintendent of Schools)</i>
Title IX Coordinator (for employees)	<i>Dr. Richard Robbat (Superintendent of Schools)</i>
Title IX Coordinator (for students)	<i>Dr. Susan Gilson (Principal-KPMS)</i>
ELE Coordinator	<i>Mrs. Julie Pavao (Guidance Dept. Head 7-12)</i>
Homeless Education Coordinator	<i>Mrs. Julie Pavao (Guidance Dept. Head 7-12)</i>
504 Coordinator	<i>Mrs. Lisa Oliveira (Assistant Principal-KPMS)</i>

We request that each participant and their parents/guardians read the attached information and sign the permission form. No student will be permitted to participate in any activity until the permission form has been completed and returned to the extracurricular activity advisor.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

The extracurricular activities program is a voluntary program designed to meet the needs and interests of the highly motivated student. It is a program in which all are encouraged to participate.

Student life at King Philip Regional Middle School should include more than academics. Some of the clubs and activities that **may be offered** are listed below. Times and dates of meetings will be listed on the morning announcements. If there are other activities in which students are interested, see a student council representative. Parents and/or students can also contact each club advisor or the school administration with any comments or suggestions.

Students must be enrolled in the King Philip Regional School District in order to participate in student activities. **Each student will be responsible for the payment of any fee established by the school committee for participation in any activity in order to take part in meetings or events.** The advisor will collect the fee from each participant and turn it into the appropriate person in a timely fashion. No student will be denied access into any program because of inability to pay. Parents/guardians must request a waiver of the fee. Please contact the principal or his/her designee for fee waivers.

	Art Club		Math League
**	BAA Challenge Club	**	Open Gym/Fitness
**	Basketball		P.E.A.C.E. Club
	Chess Club		Robotics
**	Cross County	**	Ski and Snowboard Club
	Design Club		Student Council
**	Drama Club	**	Touch Football
	Foreign Language Club	**	Track
	Homework Club	**	Tumbling
	Honor Choir	**	Volleyball
**	Jazz Ensemble	**	Wrestling
			Yearbook

**** The school committee has established fees for students participating in certain activities as indicated above.**

GENERAL INFORMATION

ACTIVITIES FEES

Collection of Fees

Each student will be responsible for the payment of any fee established by the school committee for participation in any activity in order to take part in meetings or events. The advisor will collect the fee from each participant and turn it into the appropriate person in a timely fashion.

Payment made by check or money order must be made out to King Philip Regional Middle School. All checks must include the name, address, and telephone number of parents or guardian; name(s) of the student(s); and the name(s) of the activity(s) in which the student(s) is paying to participate.

**** A PENALTY FEE OF \$20.00 SHALL BE LEVIED IF A PERSONAL CHECK FAILS TO CLEAR THE BANK.***

Students who fail to pay the appropriate fee(s) will be dismissed from the extracurricular activity. All payments will be deposited in the school district account.

Exemption

King Philip Regional Middle School does not wish any student to be denied participation because of a family's inability to pay the fee. Parents/guardians of participants may request a waiver of the fee by contacting the high school principal, and his/her decision in this regard shall be final.

Refund Procedure

Students who leave the extracurricular activity voluntarily or who are dropped by the advisor or an administrator for disciplinary or scholastic deficiencies, are **NOT** eligible for a refund.

ATTENDANCE

In order to take part in any extracurricular activities, a student must be present for at least four (4) periods of a regular day or 67% of an abbreviated school day. Anything less will exclude a student from taking part in any after school or evening activity. Any exception to this rule can be made only by the administration.

ELIGIBILITY REGULATIONS

1. To be eligible to participate in student activities, including student government and athletics, students must meet the following criteria:
 - A. Follow all behavioral guidelines specified in the King Philip Middle School Handbook.

In addition:

1. A student council member who shall be suspended from school for misconduct shall be dismissed from office automatically.

BEHAVIORAL GUIDELINES

Students must remember that school work comes first; therefore, it is expected that all students who wish to participate in intramurals will maintain satisfactory academic achievement in all subjects. Detention and extra-help take precedence over intramurals.

All students shall abide by the rules and regulations set forth in the King Philip Regional Middle School Handbook.

Students absent from school on the day of an extracurricular activity, or on the Friday preceding a Saturday activity, will not be permitted to participate in the activity. Only the administration can excuse an absence.

ALCOHOL/DRUG POLICY

The abuse of alcohol and drugs is clearly against the law and clearly in opposition to school regulations. Equally serious are the detrimental physical and emotional effects caused by alcohol and drug abuse.

Students who possess, use, sell, dispense, exchange, or are under the influence of controlled substances, including alcohol, and also including drug-related paraphernalia (including cigarette rolling papers) during the school day, on school grounds, or while attending any school-sponsored function will be subject to immediate out-of-school suspension and/or possible expulsion from school. Further, involvement with the local police department will occur leading to possible court action. The principal will be notified of every infraction of this policy prior to disciplinary action being taken.

Any student who voluntarily remains at a place where he/she knows or should know that alcoholic beverage(s), tobacco product(s), marijuana, steroids, or any controlled substance is being illegally consumed, possessed, bought, sold, or given away, shall be considered to be in violation of this policy.

The following are some options that will be utilized by school administrators in dealing with alcohol/drug violations:

Option #1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parental notification • Notification of local police • Out-of-school suspension for three to five days
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Option #2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parental notification • Notification of local police and their active involvement in investigation • Out-of-school suspension for five to seven days
Option #3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parental notification • Notification and active involvement of local police • Immediate out-of-school suspension for up to ten days
Option #4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parental notification • Notification and active involvement of local police • Immediate out-of-school suspension for up to ten days • Referral to the principal for possible expulsion from school

Any alleged violation of this rule shall be supported by reliable, independent observation as may be determined at the principal's discretion. In the event the allegation is reported by a federal, state, or local agency/department (including but not limited to the local police), then a written report shall be required which at the principal's discretion provides sufficient detail to substantiate a violation.

The school administration will base its actions on the particular case being investigated. Any option or blend of options may be utilized as the case warrants. Sale or distribution of any drugs will be dealt with most harshly with referral to the principal for possible expulsion (refer to expulsion beginning on page 37 in the King Philip Regional Middle School Handbook).

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES AND PENALTIES

King Philip subscribes to a zero tolerance policy regarding the use of alcohol, drugs, or any controlled substances by its students. The following actions by a student, either in or out of school, are prohibited. The identified penalties will be observed following an infraction of the corresponding regulation after a conference between the advisor and an administrator.

Any alleged violation of this rule shall be supported by reliable, independent observation as may be determined at the principal's discretion. In the event the allegation is reported by a federal, state, or local agency/department (including but not limited to the local police), then a written report shall be required which at the principal's discretion provides sufficient detail to substantiate a violation.

Level #1

1. Possessing, using, selling, dispensing, or exchanging of controlled substances, including alcohol, and also including drug-related paraphernalia (including cigarette rolling papers), or being under the influence of controlled substances.

Any student who voluntarily remains at a place where he/she knows or should know that alcoholic beverage(s), marijuana, steroids, or any controlled substance is being illegally consumed, possessed, bought, sold, or given away, shall be considered to be in violation of this policy.

2. Hazing (see Handbook)

Offenses

1st offense:

When the Principal confirms, following an opportunity for the student to be heard, that a violation has occurred, the student will lose eligibility to participate for a period of six consecutive weeks. If the activity involves performances or competitions that are preceded by practices, the students will be allowed to practice with the group and attend the performances or competitions during that time, but the student will not be allowed to participate in any performances or competitions. If that student participates in an alcohol/drug education program (at the student's expense) approved by the Principal and submits proof of completion, that student may be reinstated after four consecutive weeks.

2nd offense:

When the Principal confirms, following an opportunity for the student to be heard, that a violation has occurred, the student will lose eligibility to participate for a period of twelve consecutive weeks. If the activity involves performances or competitions that are preceded by practices, the students will be allowed to practice with the group and attend the performances or competitions during that time, but the student will not be allowed to participate in any performances or competitions. If after the second or subsequent violations, the student of his/her own volition becomes a participant in a chemical dependency program or treatment program (at the student's expense) approved by the Principal, the student may be certified for reinstatement in activities after eight consecutive weeks. The director or a counselor of a chemical dependency treatment center must issue such certification.

DETENTION

A STUDENT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY INCLUDING ANY REHEARSALS, PRACTICES, OR GAMES UNTIL THE DETENTION IS SERVED. Absences or dismissals do not excuse students from assigned detentions. They must be served immediately when the student returns to school.

Office detention will be held Monday through Thursday from 2:20 P.M. until 3:00 P.M. Failure to report for office detention will result in additional detentions or suspension.

1. Office detention will be assessed for violations of the behavioral guidelines (see the King Philip Regional Middle School Handbook).

Detention must be served on the day assigned by the teacher and/or school administration. Students must report to office detention with study materials, prepared to work during that time. If a student has a job, an after-school activity, or an appointment, it is the student's responsibility to avoid assessment of detention. **A STUDENT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY INCLUDING ANY REHEARSALS, PRACTICES, OR GAMES UNTIL THE DETENTION IS SERVED.** Absences or dismissals do not excuse students from assigned detentions. They must be served immediately when the student returns to school.

EXTRACURRICULAR

SUSPENSION

The suspension of any student will be used as a disciplinary measure in the case of serious offense upon the part of the student or when, in the opinion of the administration, a continuum of offenses makes it necessary to use this kind of action. Suspension is utilized to modify student behavior. The duration of each suspension will be at the discretion of the administration.

Offenses that threaten the safety of the King Philip Regional Middle School community or violate the spirit of positive participation in student life may carry up to an additional six week extracurricular suspension. The administration may assign extracurricular suspension in the following circumstances:

1. Assault and/or fighting
2. Any act that compromises the reputation of King Philip Regional Middle School
3. Vandalism
4. Insubordination
5. Possession of weapons
6. Theft
7. Academic dishonesty
8. Disruption of school
9. False fire alarms
10. Continual disregard of school rules

HAZING

The term hazing refers to any conduct or method of initiation into any student organization, whether on public or private property, which willfully or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health of any student or other person.

State law has established that whoever is a principal organizer or participant in the act of hazing will be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars and/or by imprisonment for not more than one hundred days. Further, any individual who knows that another person is the victim of hazing is required to report the act to an appropriate law enforcement official. Failure to report such an incident shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars.

MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS - CHAPTER 269 - CRIMES AGAINST PUBLIC PEACE

Chapter 269, Section 17 - Crime of Hazing, Definition, Penalty

Whoever is a principal organizer or participant in the crime of hazing, as defined herein, shall be punished by a fine of not more than three thousand dollars or by imprisonment in a house of correction for not more than one year, or both such fine and imprisonment.

The term "hazing", as used in this section and in sections eighteen and nineteen, shall mean any conduct or method of initiation into any student organization, whether on public or private property, which willfully or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health of any student or other person. Such conduct shall include whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to the weather, forced consumption of any food,

beverage, drug or other substance, or any other brutal treatment or forced physical activity which is likely to affect adversely the physical health or safety of any such student or other person, or which subjects such student or other person to extreme mental stress, including extended deprivation of sleep or rest or extended isolation.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section to the contrary, consent shall not be available as a defense to any prosecution under this action. Added by St.1985, c.536; amended by St.1987, c.665.

Chapter 269, Section 18 - Duty to Report Hazing

Whoever knows that another person is the victim of hazing as defined in section seventeen and is at the scene of such crime shall, to the extent that such person can do so without danger or peril to himself or others, report such crime to an appropriate law enforcement official as soon as reasonably practicable. Whoever fails to report such crime shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars. Added by St.1985, c.536; amended by St.1987, c.665.

Chapter 269, Section 19 - Hazing Statutes to be Provided, Statement of Compliance, and Discipline Policy Required

Each institution of secondary education and each public and private institution of post secondary education shall issue to every student group, student team, or student organization which is part of such institution or is recognized by the institution or permitted by the institution to use its name or facilities or is known by the institution to exist as an unaffiliated student group, student team or student organization, a copy of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen; provided, however, that an institution's compliance with this section's requirements that an institution issue copies of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen to unaffiliated student groups, teams, or organizations shall not constitute evidence of the institution's recognition or endorsement of said unaffiliated student groups, teams, or organizations.

Each such group, team, or organization shall distribute a copy of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen to each of its members, plebes, pledges, or applicants for membership. It shall be the duty of each such group, team, or organization, acting through its designated officer, to deliver annually to the institution an attested acknowledgement stating that such group, team, or organization has received a copy of this section and said sections seventeen and eighteen, that each of its members, plebes, pledges, or applicants has received a copy of sections seventeen and eighteen, and that such group, team, or organization understands and agrees to comply with the provisions of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen.

Each institution of secondary education and each public or private institution of post secondary education shall, at least annually, before or at the start of enrollment, deliver to each person who enrolls as a full-time student in such institution a copy of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen.

Each institution of secondary education and each public or private institution of post secondary education shall file, at least annually, a report with the regents of higher education and in the case of secondary schools, the board of education, certifying that such institution has complied with its responsibility to inform student groups, teams, or organizations and to notify each full-time student enrolled by it of the provisions of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen and also certifying that said institution has adopted a disciplinary policy with regard to the organizers and participants of hazing,

and that such policy has been set forth with appropriate emphasis in the student handbook or similar means of communicating the institution's policies to its students. The board of regents and, in the case of secondary institutions, the board of education, shall promulgate regulations governing the content and frequency of such reports and shall forthwith report to the attorney general any such institution which fails to make such report. Added by St.1985, c.536; amended by St.1987, c.665.

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ACTIVITY:

Extracurricular Activity Permission Form

TO BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN

I give the advisor or person in authority my consent to seek whatever medical treatment may be necessary in the event that my son/daughter is injured or requires medical care while in his/her charge and a parent or guardian cannot be reached.

Student's name: _____

Parent's/Guardian's name: _____

Home telephone #: _____
Mother's work #: _____ Father's work #: _____
Mother's cell #: _____ Father's cell #: _____
Mother's E-Mail: _____ Father's E-Mail: _____

List any medical conditions such as asthma, allergies, seizures, diabetes, or other that the advisor needs to know:

Is your child currently on medications (i.e., Epipen, etc.)? YES _____ NO _____
If so, what? _____

Number of head injuries/concussions: _____

AGREEMENT FORM

I have read the attached information including the eligibility regulations, behavioral guidelines (KPMS Handbook, Alcohol/Drug Policy, etc.).

I also understand and accept the inherent risks associated with participation in extracurricular activities, including but not limited to, serious injury or death.

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Return this completed permission form to the extracurricular activity advisor.