

Standard Form for K-Kids Bylaws

Article 1 - Name

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the K-Kids of _____.
Same name as school

Article 2 - Organization

Section 1. Its form of organization, its ideals and its purposes shall be similar to the Kiwanis Club of _____.
Kiwanis Club sponsor

Section 2. It shall be sponsored by, but not part of the Kiwanis Club of _____.
The Kiwanis club assumes all chartering and sustaining costs.

Article 3 - Objectives and Activities

Section 1. The objectives of the K-Kids shall be:

- ◆ To provide opportunities for working together in service to school and community;
- ◆ To develop leadership potential;
- ◆ To foster development of a strong, moral character; and
- ◆ To encourage loyalty to school, community and nation.

Section 2. The activities of the K-Kids shall be in accordance with its objectives and pledge.

Article 4 - Pledge and Motto

Section 1. The pledge of the K-Kids shall be: *“As a K-Kid, I promise to serve my neighborhood and my school, I will show respect toward my environment and I will try to make the world a better place in which to live.”*

Section 2. The motto of K-Kids shall be: *“We Build”*

Article 5 - Membership

Section 1. Members shall be students from _____.
Name of school

Section 2. Members of all grades who are interested in service and are of good character and leadership potential shall be eligible for membership. All K-Kids members must be certified by the school principal or the faculty advisor.

Section 3. Scholastic standing shall not be a major criterion for membership eligibility.

Section 4. The sponsoring Kiwanis Committee shall ask the school principal and faculty advisor(s) to recommend a list of students for the K-Kids club. Those students who indicate a desire to become members and to comply with the provisions of these bylaws may join the K-Kids club.

The school administration shall appoint a faculty advisor who has the responsibility of counseling the members of the K-Kids club in their activities. The faculty advisor also will act as liaison with the sponsoring Kiwanis club. The faculty advisor is encouraged to enlist assistant faculty advisors with the assistance of school administration.

The club shall solicit at least one parent or guardian of the club members to be a parent advisor for the club. This parent advisor shall assist the faculty advisors and help facilitate the input of other club member's parents into the activities and support the club.

Section 5. New members shall be enlisted by the K-Kids Board of Directors in cooperation with the school principal and faculty advisors.

Article 6 - Officers and Board of Directors

Section 1. Officers of this K-Kids club shall be a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. They shall serve for one (1) year, or until their successors are elected.

Section 2. Each officer shall be a member in good standing. No other limitations or restrictions shall be placed on these officers.

Section 3. The duties of the officers shall be similar to those performed by the officers of the sponsoring Kiwanis club.

Section 4. There shall be a Board of Directors, composed of the above officers and one (1) director to be elected from and by each grade from which membership is drawn.

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall approve service projects and social activities, coordinate committee assignments and efforts, discipline members and perform such other duties as shall be referred to it by the club in compliance with these Bylaws. A faculty advisor shall counsel the Board of Directors in its actions.

Section 6. All action by the club and the Board of Directors shall be subject to the approval of the principal (or the representative). The Board of Directors shall meet monthly at a time and place selected by the Board of Directors.

Article 7 - Election of Officers and Directors

Section 1. Election of new officers (president, vice president, secretary and treasurer) should be held during the spring semester. The new officers should assume their responsibilities at the last meeting of the school year and continue through the next year.

Section 2. Election of Directors (one from each appropriate grade) shall be held following the school's opening in the fall.

Article 8 - Meetings

Section 1. The club shall hold its meetings at a time and place selected by the Board of Directors with the approval of the school administration.

Article 9 - Committees

Section 1. This K-Kids club shall establish the necessary administrative and service committees to fulfill its local needs.

Section 2. The following committees should be appointed as a minimum:
1. Service Projects Committee
2. Public Relations Committee

Article 10 - Annual Dues

Section 1. A K-Kids club may choose to collect membership dues. These dues should be minimal. The annual dues for membership shall be \$_____ per member.

Article 11 - Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to these Bylaws shall be adopted by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors present at any regular meeting.

Section 2. These Bylaws and all amendments or additions thereto shall not become effective until the sponsoring Kiwanis Committee has been advised and the approval of the school administration has been secured.

These Bylaws were adopted and approved on: _____
Date

Principal's signature

Principal's name printed

Kiwanis club president's signature

President's name printed