



## Independent Students

### Background

KTCEA recognizes that independent students will have all the rights, benefits, and responsibilities as parents.

### Guidelines

#	Procedures	Roles and Responsibilities
1	Students shall be accorded independent status at their school once they present proof to the Principal of their having turned eighteen (18) years of age and they claim independent status. 1.1. An independent student will have to sign a consent form to allow principals to continue to correspond with their parents.	Principal
2	Students over the age of sixteen (16) years shall be accorded independent status at their school when they: 2.1 Present a statutory declaration by the parents that the student is independent and/or present a statutory declaration by the student that they are an independent student. 2.2 Provide proof that the student contributes substantially to his/her own maintenance; and 2.3 Are responsible for making their own decisions with respect to day-to-day living.	Principal
3	Students shall be accorded independent status at their school should the student present documentation under the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act verifying their independent status provided that they are over sixteen years of age.	Principals
4	Independent students residing within the boundaries of KTCEA shall be considered resident students.	Superintendent
5	Independent students must adhere to the policies and procedures set out by KTCEA.	Principals

### Definitions:

**Independent student** is one who is:

- Eighteen (18) years of age or older; or
- Sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years of age and living independently;
- Sixteen (16) years of age or older and is provided assistance from the Department of Children's Services to live independently of his/her parents; and

- Entitled to exercise all the rights and powers and to receive all the benefits under the School Act with respect to him/herself that his/her parent would have otherwise been entitled to exercise or receive, and his/her parents shall not exercise those rights and powers or receive those benefits.

**Living independently** shall mean that the student contributes substantially to his/her own maintenance or earns his/her own living, and is responsible for making his/her own decisions with respect to his/her day-to-day living.

**Reference:**

Policy 7

**Procedure Amendments and Updates**

The responsibility for updating and amending this procedure rests with the Superintendent's Office.