

FAQs for Principals / Educators



What is KiDs Beach Club®?

KiDs Beach Club® (KBC) is a non-profit 501c-3 organization that partners with churches to provide after-school Bible Clubs in school districts across the United States. All federal, state, and local policies are followed in securing approval, leasing space, and working closely with principals to secure permission to hold a Beach Club® on the school campus. Students who attend have permission from parents / guardians who have also acknowledged that the Club is a faith-based Bible Club that “connects KiDs to Christ and puts Bibles in their hands.”

Can any child attend a Beach Club®?

KiDs Beach Club® welcomes and embraces all children of all faiths, nationalities, and ethnicities. Clubs are open to all preteens eight to twelve years old, with some open to younger children.

Is this legal?

In 2001, the United States Supreme Court affirmed the Equal Access Act. Faith-based groups have the same access after-school as any other groups in providing after-school activities in and on public school campuses. Not only is it within the law, but also to deny equal access simply because of religious content / affiliation is discriminatory and unconstitutional. (Westside Community Schools v. Mergens, 1990; Good News Club vs. Milford Central School, 2001.)

What about insurance?

KBC provides the appropriate liability insurance as required by each district's facility usage policy. The KBC liability insurance policy covers all the after-school elements of a Beach Club® while volunteers and children are on school property. Proof of coverage is provided to all school districts, with a copy available to the district.

Do you do background checks on all volunteers?

All potential Beach Club® volunteers must consent to a stringent screening process. This includes completing a formal application, watching a Policies and Procedures video, and reading and acknowledging the KiDs Beach Club® (KBC) Child Protection Policy and KBC Statement of Faith. Additionally, the approval of all volunteers in Beach Club® is contingent upon clear results of a thorough background check conducted by a 3rd party vendor that includes sex offender database screening. As per district guidelines, volunteers may also be required to undergo additional screenings.

How do you handle injuries or behavioral issues?

Volunteers manage behavior through positive reinforcement and re-direction combined with advance preparation. In the event of a major behavior problem or minor injury, the Club Leader will complete an “Ouch Report” and provide a copy to the parent / guardian as well as the school administration. In the event of a major medical injury, 911 will be contacted.

Can teachers from my school volunteer in KiDs Beach Club®?

Teachers may volunteer in a Beach Club® provided they abide by district policy. Teachers who volunteer in Beach Club® are subject to the same application and background checks as all Beach Club® volunteers.

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What is the process to obtain parental approval?

KBC requires parent permission be obtained prior to any child attending a Beach Club®. As an exception, a child may attend one time only with a verified verbal consent from the parent. All additional Beach Club® attendances require a signed parent permission form. Copies of the permission form are kept on file in the KBC Offices, kept with the Club Leader during Club, and copies can be provided to the administrative offices of the school at any time.

How much space is needed?

The average Beach Club® size is 50 kids and it typically is open to all third through sixth graders who want to attend. Historically, Clubs meet in classrooms, music rooms, libraries, cafeterias, and school gymnasiums. The space needed depends on the number of kids who enroll. If space is limited, enrollment for the Club can be restricted.

How is dismissal handled?

Club Leaders are encouraged to coordinate the recommended dismissal policy with local school administration. Typically, this involves identifying an organized dismissal policy for car riders, walkers, bike riders, and children who participate in another after-school program.

KiDs Beach Club® requires a minimum of two unrelated adults to remain with the students until every child has been picked up by the designated parent/guardian, as listed on the permission form. Beach Club® volunteers are strictly prohibited from transporting children.

If the designated parent / guardian has not arrived within 15 minutes of dismissal, Beach Club® volunteers will call the parent / guardian. If a parent / guardian is more than 30 minutes late, volunteers will contact the local police, who then assume responsibility of the child until the parent / designated guardian arrives. Notification of police involvement is recorded, and copies are given to the parent, school office, and partnering church, with a copy of the incident being kept on file at the KBC corporate offices. In the event of a habitually late parent, volunteers will coordinate with school administration to follow school policy before the student loses the privilege to attend Beach Club®.

How will you work with our after-school programs?

Beach Club® fits seamlessly with all other after-school programs (mentoring or childcare). Trained volunteers transition students smoothly from Beach Club® to the appropriate after-school program.

What do you teach?

KiDs Beach Club® is a Christian organization that teaches character through the lens of the Bible. Beach Club® curriculum includes 24 lessons, each with a themed character word, Bible story, and Bible verse that reinforces the weekly theme. Lessons teach students how to practically live-out and apply the character quality in relationship with others.

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Can You Provide Copies of Background Checks?

All volunteer background checks are confidential and cannot be distributed. Upon request, KiDs Beach Club® can provide a legal, written statement indicating that the background check has been completed and the volunteer candidate has been cleared to volunteer.

What else do I need to know about KiDs Beach Club®?

- KiDs Beach Club® partners with a local church who provide the volunteers.
- Beach Clubs® meet for only one hour, one day a week, for 24 weeks (some Clubs meet for less weeks.)
- KiDs Beach Club® requires a minimum of 1:10 ratio of volunteers to kids.
- There is no cost to students or the district! Beach Club® is free!
- Every student will receive a new KiDs Beach Club® Explorer's Study Bible.

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