



Administrative Policies and Procedures: 21.1

Subject:	Minimum Rules and Regulations for Approval of Schools
Authority:	TCA 37-5-105(3), 37-5-106
Standards:	COA: PA-JJR 9.01-9.03,PA-JJR 9.04 (a, c) PA-JJR 18.04(e)
Application:	To All Department of Children's Services Youth Development Center Employees
Policy Statement:	
The school in a Youth Development Center (YDC) is operated by the Department and is designated as a school within a special school district. This school shall fulfill the requirements for school approval in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the Tennessee State Board of Education for the Tennessee Department of Education (DOE) and public schools.	
Purpose:	
To ensure that a YDC school operates in accordance with the Tennessee State Board of Education's rules and regulations in order to maintain school approval through the DOE. In doing so, students attending this school may receive academic credits transferable to community schools and, as applicable, may receive state issued high school diplomas.	
Procedures:	
A. Rules, regulations and minimum standards for the governance of Tennessee schools	<p>Each DCS school principal must maintain a current copy of the Tennessee Board of Education <u>Rules, Regulations, and Minimum Standards for the Governance of Tennessee Schools</u>.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The principal must use the <i>Rules, Regulations, and Minimum Standards for the Governance of Tennessee Schools</i> as a guide for school operation. 2. The <i>Rules, Regulations, and Minimum Standards for the Governance of Tennessee Schools</i> must be used as a reference for planning and implementing educational programs.
B. Reports required for approval	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reports for the DCS Director of Education All requests and reports required by the <i>Rules, Regulations and Minimum Standards for the Governance of Tennessee Schools</i> for the approval process must be sent to the DCS Director of Education. 2. Reports for the Department of Education The DCS Director of Education must submit the required reports to the Department of Education.

Forms:	<i>None</i>
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Collateral documents:	<i>Rules, Regulations and Minimum Standards for the Governance of Tennessee Public Schools; (www.state.tn.us/sos/rules/0520/0520.htm)</i>
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Glossary:	
Rules, Regulations and Minimum Standards:	A Department of Education document containing the rules, regulations, and minimum standards governing public education K-12 in the State of Tennessee as defined and published by the State Board of Education/State Board of Vocational Education. The Tennessee Board of Education is authorized by law to prescribe rules and regulations for the approval, classification and governance of all public schools (<i>TCA § 49-1-302</i>). The rules, regulations, and minimum standards adopted by the board are intended to implement the law and to furnish a broad framework of policies within which local school systems operate.