Olathe Police Explorer Post 2885
Membership Requirements and Expectations

**School**

Explorers attending junior high or high school must maintain a grade of “C” or better in all classes. Explorer must provide proof of grades if requested by an Advisor.

Explorers may not have unexcused school absences. If an Explorer has school absences constituting truancy, their membership may be terminated.

Issues at school resulting in detention, suspension, or other discipline may result in restrictions or removal from the Post.

**Driving Privileges**

Explorer members must maintain an acceptable driving record free of excessive citations and at-fault accidents.

Explorer members must maintain a valid state driver’s license if operating a motorized vehicle, as required by Kansas State Law. All driving restrictions must be adhered to.

Explorers are to obtain verbal consent from their parents prior to riding with or providing rides to other Explorers to, from, or during official Explorer meetings/events.

**Conduct**

Conduct towards any Law Enforcement officer or civilian employee must be respectful.

Explorers must act respectful towards all Explorers, Advisors, and guest speakers at ALL TIMES. This includes addressing Advisors and Speakers by title (if requested) and last name.

Appropriate conduct is expected during all Explorer meetings and activities. If inappropriate conduct occurs, a counseling session will occur the first time. If the inappropriate conduct continues, membership may be terminated.

Any inappropriate conduct deemed extreme by Advisors can result in membership being terminated after the first occurrence.

Sexual harassment will not be tolerated. Disrespectful words or actions about one’s gender/race-religion/etc will not be tolerated. Immediate termination of membership will result from these behaviors.

Inappropriate social media activity may result in discipline/restrictions up to membership termination.

Dating/romantic/physical relationships between Explorers is not permitted.

All Police contacts must be reported by the Explorer to an Advisor within 24 hours.
Any possession, consumption, or association with alcohol (if under 21), drugs, or illegal tobacco usage will result in termination. The use of tobacco products is prohibited at all Explorer functions regardless of age. Explorers are not to be under the influence of alcohol during Explorer functions regardless of age.

Explorers shall not represent themselves in a law enforcement capacity at any time. Any Explorer found to be impersonating a law enforcement officer will be terminated and face appropriate criminal charges.

Olathe Police Explorers shall not represent themselves as a Police Explorer during ride alongs with any agency besides Olathe.

**Attendance and Appearance**

Meetings during the fall semester are every Tuesday for new members and every other Thursday for returning members. Meetings during the spring semester are every other Thursday for all members. Meetings are from 7pm – 9pm.

Regular meeting attendance is mandatory of all Explorer members. FOUR (4) absences can result in termination of membership. Explorers may only be a member of one (1) exploring post due to the level of commitment that is required.

Explorers are expected to contact an Advisor or Squad Leader if they will be absent from a meeting or event at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting or event.

Members will participate in at least 3 additional events or charitable activities sponsored by the department. If a member is unable to participate in these offered events, the member will complete a charitable event on their own and provide proof to an advisor of completion.

Proper attire is required at all Explorer meetings and activities. This will consist of the Explorer shirt, khaki pants, and closed toe shoes unless notified otherwise by an Advisor. Pants should not sag low, be excessively baggy, or excessively tight.

Grooming standards are required when representing the Explorer post during meetings, events, ride alongs, etc. Tattoos are to be covered at all times. Long hair must be pulled back (ponytail/braid/bun/etc). Facial hair must be neatly trimmed.

**Ride Alongs**

Explorer ride alongs are a privilege, not a membership right.

Explorers must be an active member for at least six months and be at least 16 years old to qualifying for the ride along program.

Explorers must pass the Police codes and phonetic alphabet test prior to completing ride alongs.

Professional and safe conduct is required during all ride alongs. Explorers must follow all instructions/directions of Officers during ride alongs.
Proper attire is required for all ride alongs (business casual). Regular Explorer grooming standards apply during ride alongs.

Ride alongs are typically scheduled to be 4 hours long. Frequency of ride alongs is subject to Advisors discretion and Patrol availability.

Ride along requests must be made to an Advisor at least two weeks in advance of requested date.

Explorers under 18 can only schedule ride alongs during day or evening shift (6 am to midnight). Signed parent consent forms must be presented for each ride along on the day of.

**Range**

Explorers will have the opportunity to participate in firearms training including firing of a live weapon.

Attendance of all range training meetings are required to participate in simunition and live fire.

Explorers are required to pass a written test and weapon handling test to participate in simunition and live fire. Passing is 90% or higher.

Any horseplay or unsafe acts by an Explorer on the range will result in removal from the range. Additional punishments/restrictions to include membership termination may also occur.

Signed consent form, including parent or guardian signature for minor, must be completed prior to participation in simunition and/or live fire.

**Misc**

All Olathe Police Department issued gear or clothing must be returned to an Advisor upon request and/or termination of membership. This is to be done within 5 days of request and/or termination.

Any Olathe Police Explorer may terminate their membership at any time upon contacting an Explorer Advisor. Membership fees paid by the Explorer are not refundable at any time.

A background check will be conducted on all Explorer members and applicants to ensure that proper representation of the Olathe Police Explorers is maintained.

Members must receive a 70% or higher on exams given during the year in order to participate in challenges, DUI check lanes, ride-alongs, etc.

All membership requirements and expectations are to be interpreted at the discretion of any or all Olathe Police Explorer Advisors and Supervisors.
Olathe Police Department Explorer Membership Requirements and Expectations Acceptance

We have read the provided membership requirements and expectations. We agree that the Explorer will abide by the requirements and expectations. We understand that failure by the Explorer to abide by the requirements and expectations can result in the Explorer’s involvement in the program being restricted or terminated.

________________________________
 Explorer Printed Name          Signature          Date

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 Parent Printed Name (If under 18)   Signature          Date
Full Legal Name: _____________________________________ Birthdate: ______________
Street Address: ________________________________________________________________
City: ___________________ State: _______________ Zip Code: ______________
Home Telephone: ___________________ Cell Telephone: ___________________
School You Attend: ___________________ Fall 2020 Grade: ______________
Principal’s Name: ___________________ Counselor’s Name: ___________________
Social Security Number: _______________ Driver’s License Number: _______________
Place of Employment (If Applicable): ___________________ Phone: ___________________
Position Held/Type of Work: ____________________________________________________
Hours & Days Worked: _________________________________________________________
If you own/drive a vehicle: License Plate: _____________ Year & Make: _______________
Father’s Name: ___________________ Mother’s Name: _______________________
Father’s Address: ___________________ Cell Telephone: ___________________
Mother’s Address: ___________________ Cell Telephone: ___________________
Your e-mail address (not school issued): ________________________________
Facebook Information (if applicable): ____________________________________________
Any Physical/Mental Handicaps we should know about? If yes, explain. ____________________________
List any school/religious/or any other activities which you are involved in and could interfere with your attendance: ________________________________________________________________
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Would you be interested in being a squad leader? This would include a leadership role within the post, specific duties to be determined: Circle: Yes  No  Maybe
Briefly explain why you want to join the Police Explorers and what you hope to gain from this experience. If you want to include topics/areas you have an interest in, please do so:

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Completed application forms must be returned to the Olathe Police Department by *June 30, 2020*.

A membership fee of $36.00 will be collected at the first meeting upon notification of acceptance. (Checks made payable to OPD Explorer Post)

If you have any additional questions, please contact SRO Jaegers (913-413-8067 or bjaegers@olatheks.org) or Det Buser (913-971-7823 or cmbuser@olatheks.org).
Applicant’s Name: __________________________ Date of Birth: ________________

Address: ________________________________ Phone: ________________________

In consideration of authorization by the City of Olathe Police Department to permit the above listed minor to participate in the Olathe Police Department Explorer Post, I authorize the release of any existing Criminal History File on the above listed minor to any sworn law enforcement officer of the Olathe Police Department for background investigation purposes.

____________________________________  _________________________________
Signature of Explorer Applicant          Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian (If under 18)

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this ______ day of ____________, 20__.

Seal:

____________________________________
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:_______________
If applicant has an unexpired participant certificate, participation may be accomplished at no charge by transferring the registration. Mark and attach a copy of the certificate.

| Transfer application | Transfer from council no. | Exploring Post | Explorer Club | Number: 2885 |

**Name and address information** *(Please print one letter in each space—press hard, you are making a copy.)*

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| Business phone | Ext. | Previous Exploring experience | Cell phone |
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Signature of post or club leader

Signature of Explorer

Signature of parent/guardian

Participation fee $36.00 Paid: [ ] Cash [ ] Check No. [ ] Credit card

I have read the attached information sheet and approve the application (signature of parent/guardian required if applicant is under 18 years of age).

Signature of parent/guardian

Retain on file for three years.