

Kansas Retailer's Sales Tax Exemptions



Taxable	Exempt	Item	Comments
X		Activity Tickets	
X		Admission to Sports Events	
	X	Advertising (sale of ads in Yearbook and School Newspaper)	Sale of advertising space is exempt – but sale of yearbooks is taxable.
X		American Field Service Club	
X		Bake Sales	
X		Band Club/Choir Club/Honor Choir/ Vocal Club	
X		Banquets (teacher or students)	Receipts are exempt if banquet is held at an outside restaurant which charges the tax.
	X	Book Rentals	Sales of books are taxable – rental fees are not
X		Book Sales (new & used) including textbooks	
	X	Building Rental	
	X	Business Professionals of America	
X		Campus Pride Club	
X		Candy, popcorn, ice cream, flowers, jewelry, cheese, doughnuts, sausage, balloons, tote bags, etc.	
X		Car Wash	
X		Cheerleader Club	
X		Class Clubs (Art, Music, Science, Language Clubs, History, Technology, Computer Lab, English, Industrial Arts, Foreign Language, Environmental, Rodeo, Library, Chess)	
X		Class Clubs (Sophomore, Junior, Senior)	
X		Community Against Destructive Decisions – CADD (community group)	
X		Concession Stands (dances, etc.)	
X		Discount Cards	See footnote on page 3
	X	Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA)	
	X	Donations	Free will, do not designate amount
X		Drill Team	

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	X	Entry Fees for participation in sports games or recreational activities	As per K.S.A. 79-3603(m)
	X	Family, Career and Community Leaders of America/Home Economics (FCCLA) (formerly Future Homemakers of America)	
	X	Fees (Art, Science, Industrial Arts, Library, etc.)	Any fee which includes sale of tangible property should report applicable percentage of fee representing tangible property as taxable.
X		Fellowship of Christian Athletes	
X		Forensics Club	
	X	Future Business Leaders of America	
	X	Future Farmers of America	
X		Graduation Items (announcements, cards, rings, etc.)	
	X	Health Occupations Students of America	
X		Health Supplies	
X		History Day Club	
X		Kansas Association for Youth--KAY	
X		Letterman Club	
X		Lock Rentals (separate from locker)	
X		Lyceum Tickets	
	X	Meals	Occasional sale acceptable. NOT open to public
X		Meals	IF open to public
	X	Motel/Hotel accommodations purchased and paid directly from Board or District Funds	
	X	Motor Vehicle Parking Charge	
X		Multicultural Club	
X		Musical Festival Club	
X		Musical Instrument Rental	
X		National Forensics League	
X		National Honor Society	
X		Newspaper Club	
	X	Parties (bowling, roller skating, etc.)	Only if paid for directly by school and not resold to students.
	X	Party Food Items (in-school and elsewhere)	Only if paid for directly by school. If not, sales tax will apply.
X		Pep Club	

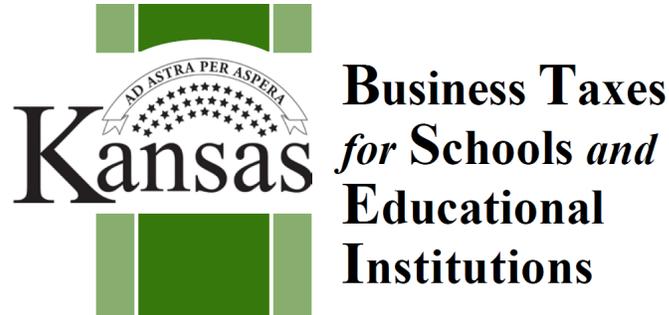
Taxable	Exempt	Item	Comments
X		Periodicals and Newspapers	School newspaper/periodical sales are taxable; sale of advertising is exempt
X		Pictures (school)	
X		Projects (Art, Home Ec., Industrial Arts, etc.)	
	X	Reimbursement for lost or destroyed books, equipment, school property	
X		Renaissance (academic reward system for students)	
	X	Sale (isolated or occasional) of School Property	
X		Scholars Bowl	
X		School Dance Tickets (includes out-of-school guests)	
	X	SkillsUSA - Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA)	
X		Sporting Goods, T-shirts, Shoes, Sports Equipment, etc.	
X		Student Council	
X		Students Against Drunk Drivers/Alcohol Drug Prevention	
X		Supplies (pencils, notebooks, etc.)	
	X	Technology Students Association	
X		Teens as Teachers	
X		Tickets (admissions) for performances by out-of-school performers or in-school organizations, i.e., plays, musicals, concerts, special events and movies, in-school or elsewhere	
X		Towel Rentals	
X		Uniforms	
X		Vending Machine Sales	
X		Yearbook	Yearbook sales are taxable; sale of advertising space is exempt

Note: "Discount cards" sold by clubs or organizations are taxable for all clubs and organizations, including the exempt clubs. The reason is that the exempt clubs are only exempt for selling products and materials, but a discount card would not fall within the exemption.

Disclaimer: KSDE prepared this fact sheet listing Items that would be common in school districts. This document was reviewed in March 2016 by staff of the Kansas Department of Revenue. If you have questions relating to Kansas sales tax exemptions, please call the Department of Revenue and speak to a tax specialist. Contact: Taxpayer Assistance Center at (785) 368-8222

SALES TAX RESOURCES FROM THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

If you have questions on whether sales and purchases by schools are taxable, refer to the **Kansas Department of Revenue** publication: [Tax Guide for Schools and Educational Institutions \(KS-1560\)](#)



This publication (KS-1560) is designed to assist schools, educational institutions, student organizations, PTAs, booster clubs and retailers in understanding how Kansas sales and use taxes apply to the varied activities of an elementary or secondary school, college, technical school or university. It uses common school situations to illustrate the sales and purchases by schools that are taxable and how to properly claim the exemptions available. Information about tax reporting, other taxes applicable to schools and your departmental resources are also included.

Also included is information about how to report and pay the taxes. By law, businesses are now required to submit their Sales and Compensating Use Tax returns electronically. Kansas offers several electronic file and pay solutions through webtax.org.

Use this guide as a supplement to KDOR's (Kansas Department of Revenue) basic [sales tax guides](#), Publication KS1510, Kansas Sales and Compensating Use Tax and Publication KS-1520, Kansas Exemption Certificates.

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