

KAVT

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

First licensed APRIL 2, 1981Call Letters KAVT-FMStation Location Austin, MinnesotaName INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #492Transmitter Location 1900 8th Avenue N.W., Austin, MinnesotaMain studio location SAME AS TRANS. SITE

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BPED790718AC HAAT: 130' (H) (L)	7-1-80	91.3mhz ERP: .135kw (H) TPO: .100kw CH.#217A CP FOR NEW EDUCATIONAL	(H) -FM STATION
BPED790718AC (1)	9-26-80	CALL LETTERS ASSIGNED AND EBSA ISSUED.	AND
BLED-810121AJ HAAT: 130'(H) (L)	4-2-81	91.3mHz ERP:0.135kW(H) License to cover (BPED- 790718AC) for a new station.	4-1-83

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters KAVT-FM
NEW EDUC FM

Name Independent School District #492
Austin, Minnesota (PO 202 4th Ave., N.E. Austin, Mn 55912)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
790601AE PRESS: RESUBMITTED BPED-790718AC PN RECD. ACCEPTED FEB 13 '80	8-7-79 CUT OFF MAR 17 '80	Construction permit for new Educ Fm on: Frequency: 91.3 mhz 91.3 mhz, Ch. 217 ERP: 100 watts HAAT:128.3' Ant: GATES FM22A 2 sections TL&SL: 1900 8th Avenue N.W. Austin, Minnesota 43 40 39.4 93 00 03.5	RETURNED 7-9-79 VIOLATION OF SECTION 73.507(a)	GRANTED 7-1-80
BLED-810121AJ PTA PRESS APR 9 1981		License to cover (BPED-790718AC) for a new station. Atty: Wayne Coy	GRANTED	4-2-81

About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12th Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). Prior to that move, the History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.

