

5014 Hazing 5014

No person associated with any organization sanctioned by the School District shall engage in or be associated with hazing, nor shall any such person participate in any secret fraternity or organization that is related to a District-sanctioned activity.

Student hazing means any act directed toward a student, or any coercion or intimidation of a student, to act or participate in, or submit to any act, when:

1. Such act is likely, or would be perceived by a reasonable person, as likely to cause physical or psychological injury to any person; and
2. Such act is a condition of initiation into, admission into, continued membership in, or association with any organization, even if the student willingly participates in the activity.

Hazing is further defined as an activity which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation, admission, or affiliation with any organization sanctioned by the District.

“Endanger the physical health” shall include, but is not limited to, such physical acts as whipping, beating, branding, exposure to elements, forced consumption of food, alcohol, or drugs, or any forced physical activity, outside of that associated with acceptable athletic conditioning appropriate to the sport, that could adversely affect the physical health or safety of an individual.

“Endanger the mental health” shall include any activity which would subject the individual to mental stress such as sleep deprivation, exclusion from social contact, or any forced activity that would affect the dignity of the individual.

Students or employees who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including expulsion for students and termination for employees. All incidents of hazing should be reported to school authorities. The Superintendent/designee shall report to local law enforcement officials incidents of reported hazing to which he/she has knowledge.

References:

RSA: 631:7 NH Administrative Rules, Ed 306.04

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