

HAZING

Hazing activities are contrary to the Nashua School District's educational goals and objectives and will not be tolerated in our schools. Hazing activities are prohibited at all times. Hazing is also a violation of the New Hampshire Criminal Code Section 631:7, Student Hazing.

For the purposes of this policy, hazing is defined as an activity which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or admission into or continued membership in any student organization.

"Endanger the physical health" shall include, but is not limited to, any brutality of a physical nature, such as whipping; beating; branding; forced calisthenics; exposure to the elements; forced consumption of any food, alcoholic beverage, drug or controlled dangerous substance; or any forced physical activity which could adversely affect the physical health or safety of the individual.

"Endanger the mental health" shall include any activity, except those activities authorized by law, which would subject the individual to extreme mental stress, such as prolonged sleep deprivation, forced prolonged exclusion from social contact which could result in extreme embarrassment, or any other forced activity which could adversely affect the mental health or dignity of the individual.

Any hazing activity shall be presumed to be a forced activity. Permission, consent, or assumption of the risk by an individual subjected to hazing is not a defense to the prohibitions contained in this policy.

This policy is not intended to deprive School District authorities from taking necessary and appropriate disciplinary action toward any student or employee. Students or employees who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action which may include expulsion for students and employment termination for employees.

A copy of this policy will be furnished to each student and teacher in the School District.

Legal References:

RSA 631:7, Student Hazing

New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed 306.04 (a) (7), Student Hazing

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