

POLICY 305-9

PRACTICE OF HAZING STUDENTS

The Department of Education is responsible for providing an environment which nurtures the physical, mental, social, and emotional well-being of students.

The practice of hazing as a part of athletics or other co-curricular and social activities shall not be allowed. Hazing is defined as any conduct or method of initiation into any student organization or activity, whether in school or off-campus, which willfully or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health of any student. Such conduct shall include, but is not limited to, whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to weather, forced consumption of any food, liquor, beverage, drug or other substance, indecent exposure, or any other brutal treatment or forced physical activity which is likely to adversely affect the physical and/or mental health or safety of any student, or which subjects any student to extreme mental stress, including deprivation of sleep or rest, extended isolation, or personal humiliation.

Staff shall inform students that hazing will not be tolerated. Students and staff shall not harass others verbally and/or physically. Students and staff shall behave with dignity and treat others with respect and courtesy and honor the rights of others.

Students and staff found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to counsel and/or disciplinary action in accordance with Chapter 19.

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