

CAPS Collaborative Hazing Policy

CAPS prohibits hazing in any form.

Definition: The term “Hazing” Shall mean any method of initiation into any formal or informal student organization.

Whether on public or private property, which willfully or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health of any student or other person. Such conduct shall include whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to the weather, forced consumption of any food, liquor, beverage, drug or other substance, or any other brutal treatment or forced physical activity which is likely to adversely affect the physical health or safety of any such student or other person, or which subjects such student or other person to extreme mental stress, including extended deprivation of sleep or rest or extended isolation. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the law to be contrary, consent shall not be available as a defense to any prosecution or discipline under this action.

CAPS shall issue to every student group, student team or student organization which is part of CAPS or is recognized by CAPS or permitted by the CAPS to use its name or facilities or is known by CAPS to exist as an unaffiliated student group, student team, or student organization, a copy of the CAPS the Hazing Policy; provided, however, that an institution's compliance with this section's requirements that an institution issue copies of this policy to unaffiliated student groups, teams, or organizations shall not constitute evidence of the institution's recognition or endorsement of said unaffiliated student groups, teams or organizations.

Each such group, team or organization shall distribute a copy of the CAPS Hazing Policy to each of its members or applicants for membership. It shall be the duty of each such group, team or organization, acting through its designated officer, to deliver annually, to the CAPS Administration an attested acknowledgement stating that such group, team or organization has received a copy of the CAPS Hazing Policy and that each of its member or applicants has received a copy of the CAPS Hazing Policy, and that such group, team or organization understands and agrees to comply with the provisions of this policy.

CAPS shall, at least annually, before or at the start of enrollment, deliver to each person who enrolls as a student a copy the CAPS Hazing Policy.

CAPS will file, at least annually, a report to the board of education, certifying that CAPS has complied with its responsibility to inform student groups, teams or organizations and to notify each student enrolled by it of the CAPS policy on hazing and has adopted a disciplinary policy with regard to the organizers and participants of hazing, and that such policy has been set forth with appropriate emphasis in the student handbook or similar means of communication CAPS policy on hazing to students. All employees will annually review the hazing policy and be given opportunity to ask questions and sign off to demonstrate an understanding of the policy intent.

Reporting:

Whoever knows that another person is the victim of hazing as defined above and is at the scene of such crime shall, to the extent that such person can do so without danger or peril to himself or others, report

incidents of hazing to the CAPS Administration and to an appropriate law enforcement official as soon as reasonably practicable.

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