

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CARSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**REGULATION No. 547
STUDENTS**

ANTI-HAZING

Definitions

“Hazing” means any action taken or situation created that causes, or is reasonably likely to cause, harassment, bodily danger or physical harm, serious mental or emotional harm, extreme embarrassment or ridicule, or personal degradation or loss of dignity to any student or other person associated with the school.

Consent is no defense to hazing: i.e. the implied or expressed consent of a person or persons to hazing shall not be defense to discipline under this policy.

“Related initiation activity” means any method of initiation or pre-initiation into a student organization, club or team, or any pastime or amusement engaged in with respect to such club, or team that causes or is reasonably likely to cause, bodily danger or physical harm, serious mental or emotional harm, extreme embarrassment or ridicule, or personal degradation or loss of dignity to any student or other person associated with the school.

The terms “hazing” and “related initiation activity” do not include customary athletic events, intramural activities or similar student contests or competitions.

“Conspire to engage in hazing” means to plan, encourage, fail to prevent or fail to report hazing and related initiation activities prohibited by this policy.

Prohibited Conduct

Activities that may be construed as hazing under this policy include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Any act that involves physical brutality or physical aggression that causes or is reasonably likely to cause bodily danger or physical harm to an individual.
- Any act that involves forced consumption of food, alcohol, drugs or other substance, or any other forced physical activity that could adversely affect the physical health or safety of an individual.
- Any activity that would subject an individual to extreme mental stress, embarrassment or emotional harm, or any other forced activity that could adversely affect the mental health or dignity of the individual.

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Examples of Hazing

- Any activity that might reasonably bring physical harm to an individual, such as whipping, beating, paddling, taping or otherwise restraining students against their will, including forced calisthenics.
- Activities that unreasonably interfere with a student's academic efforts by causing exhaustion, prolonged loss of sleep or loss of study time.
- Degrading or humiliating games, pranks, stunts, practical jokes or other activities that make a student the object of amusement, ridicule or intimidation.
- Coercing or permitting students to drink alcohol or consume illicit drugs or controlled substances.
- Forcing, coercing or permitting students to eat or drink foreign or unusual substances or foods.
- Applying whipped cream, shaving cream, toothpaste or other substances to an individual's body.
- Requiring personal servitude.
- Requiring students to wear uncomfortable, ridiculous or embarrassing clothing.
- Requiring students to participate in vandalism, theft, assault, sexual acts or other criminal activity.
- Causing indecent exposure or any other gross and lewd behavior involving nudity.
- Subjecting an individual to cruel or unusual psychological conditions for any reason.
- Compelling an individual to participate in any activity that is illegal, perverse, publicly indecent, contrary to the individual's genuine moral or religious beliefs or contrary to the rules of the School District.

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