

# SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## HAZING

### Statement of Purpose

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 affiliation with any organization sanctioned or authorized by the Board of Education.

### Statement of Policy

It is the policy of the District that no student or employee of the District shall participate in or be a member of any secret fraternity or secret organization that is in any degree related to the school or to a school activity. No student organization or any person associated with any organization sanctioned by the Board of Education shall engage or participate in hazing.

"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, 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, even if the student willingly participates in such activity.

Students or employees who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action which may include expulsion for students and employment termination for employees.

The District will provide a copy of this policy to each student and teacher in the school district.

### Legal Reference:

*RSA 631:7, Student Hazing*

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

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