

JICFA—Hazing

Defined

Idaho Code §18-917 defines hazing as subjecting a person to bodily danger or physical harm or a likelihood of bodily danger or physical harm, or requiring, encouraging, authorizing or permitting that the person be subjected to any of the following:

- Total or substantial nudity on the part of the person;
- Compelled ingestion of any substance by the person;
- Wearing or carrying of any obscene or physically burdensome article by the person;
- Physical assaults upon or offensive physical contact with the person;
- Participation by the person in boxing matches, excessive number of calisthenics, or other physical contests;
- Transportation and abandonment of the person;
- Confinement of the person to unreasonably small, unventilated, unsanitary or unlighted areas;
- Sleep deprivation; or
- Assignment of pranks to be performed by the person; or,
- Any activity undertaken for the purpose of causing ridicule or humiliation of a student.

Hazing is defined as any act by a person, whether individually or in concert with others, against a student as a condition of attaining membership, or any office or status, in connection with any district-sponsored group or organization, when such act is intended, or is reasonably expected to have the effect of humiliating, embarrassing, intimidating, or demeaning a student, or endangering the mental or physical health of a student. Hazing also includes soliciting, directing, aiding, or otherwise participating actively or passively in such acts. Hazing occurs regardless of the consent or willingness of a student to participate in the activity.

No student or staff shall ever require, encourage, authorize, or permit a student to be subjected to hazing.

Exceptions

Hazing does not include customary athletic events or similar contests or competitions, and is limited to those actions taken and situations created in connection with initiation into or affiliation with any group or organization.

Reporting Requirements

Preventing hazing is the responsibility of every student and staff member of this School. All staff members and students who become aware of hazing activities are required to immediately report such incidents to the Administrator. The Administrator, or designee, will investigate and determine whether hazing has occurred. If hazing has occurred, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken against the students and/or staff members

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involved. Additionally, any staff member or student who violates this policy will be referred to the local law enforcement agency for prosecution.

References Idaho Code §18-917