



School Committee Policy:

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Hazing

“Hazing” means any conduct or method of initiation in an student organization whether on public or private property which willfully or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health of any student or other person.

Pursuant to Chapter 536 of the Acts of 1985 (also known as Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 269, Section 17-19), it is a crime to participate in or organize hazing or for a person at the scene of such a crime to fail to report the incident.

To meet the requirements of this law and the related Regulations issued by the Department of Education, the Principal of each of the Maynard schools will:

1. Issue to every group or organization under their authority or operating on or in cooperation with the schools and to every member, plebe, pledgee or applicant for membership in such groups, a copy of M.G.L., c. 269, ss. 17, 18, 19;
2. Obtain an acknowledgment from an officer of every group and individual of the receipt of a copy of that law; and
3. File reports affirming these actions as required by the Board of Education.

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