



I. SECTION ONE: DEFINITION

Students in the Russellville School District have the right to receive a public education in an environment reasonably free from substantial intimidation, harassment, or harm or threat of harm by another student. Respect for the dignity of others is a cornerstone of civil society. Students in the Russellville School District have the opportunity to belong to and be involved in many organizations, extra-curricular activity groups, and or sports programs to enhance their educational experience. Membership in these organizations, groups and programs should be voluntary to students and without any initiation procedure that might be considered Hazing.

Hazing is defined as:

- A. Any willful act on or off the property of any school, college, university, or other educational institution in Arkansas by one (1) student alone or acting with others which is directed against any other student and done for the purpose of intimidating the student attacked by threatening him or her with social or other ostracism or of submitting such student to ignominy, shame, or disgrace among his or her fellow students, and acts calculated to produce such results;
- B. The playing of abusive or truculent tricks on or off the property of any school, college, university, or other educational institution in Arkansas by one (1) student alone or acting with others, upon another student to frighten or scare him or her;
- C. Any willful act on or off the property of any school, college, university, or other educational institution in Arkansas by one (1) student alone or acting with others which is directed against any other student done for the purpose of humbling the pride, stifling the ambition, or impairing the courage of the student attacked or to discourage him or her from remaining in that school, college, university, or other educational institution, or reasonably to cause him or her to leave the institution rather than submit to such acts; or
- D. Any willful act on or off the property of any school, college, university, or other educational institution in Arkansas by one (1) student alone or acting with others in striking, beating, bruising, or maiming; or seriously offering, threatening, or

attempting to strike, beat, bruise, or maim; or to do or seriously offer, threaten, or attempt to do physical violence to any student of any such educational institution; or any assault upon any such student made for the purpose of committing any of the acts, or producing any of the results, to such student as defined in this section.

Hazing does not include customary athletic events or similar contest or competition and is limited to those actions taken and situations created in connection with initiation into or affiliation with an organization, extracurricular activity, or sports program.

II. SECTION TWO: PROHIBITIONS

A student in the Russellville School District shall not engage in Hazing, or encourage, aid, or assist in any other student in Hazing. No person shall knowingly permit, encourage, aid or assist any person in committing the offense of Hazing, or willfully acquiesce in the commission of such offense, or fail to report promptly his or her knowledge or any reasonable information within his or her knowledge of the presence and practice of Hazing to an appropriate administrator of the Russellville School District.

Any act of omission or commission shall be deemed Hazing as determined under the provisions of State Law.

III. SECTION THREE: PENALTIES

The offense of Hazing is a Class B misdemeanor. Upon conviction of any student of the offense of Hazing he or she in addition to any punishment imposed by the court, shall be expelled from the Russellville School District.

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