

HAZING

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to promote an educational environment free from hazing. Hazing activities of any type are inconsistent with the educational goals of the school district and are prohibited.

II. General Statement of Policy

The Board of Education strictly prohibits any form of hazing of students, either on or off school grounds. As used in this policy, the term “hazing” includes any activity in which any student humiliates, degrades, physically or mentally abuses any other student, or engages in any behavior likely to have a detrimental effect on a student’s physical or emotional health, for the purpose of initiation into or membership in or affiliation with any organization which is in any manner related to school or to a school-sponsored activity, regardless of the subject’s willingness to participate. Such conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following: whipping; beating; branding; forced calisthenics; coerced consumption of any food, liquor, beverage, drug, or other substance; or any coerced treatment or activity that is likely to adversely affect the physical health or emotional health and safety of any student, or that subjects such student to emotional distress, including extended isolation and any deprivation of sleep or rest.

III. Disciplinary Consequences

Any student who engages in any form of hazing will be subject to exclusion from all school-sponsored activities (including athletic programs and other extracurricular activities). In addition, any student who engages in any form of hazing will be subject to disciplinary action, including suspension and/or expulsion from school, in accordance with the Board’s Policy on Student Discipline.

IV. Reporting Procedures

The reporting procedure for any hazing incident will be:

- A. Any person who believes he or she has been the victim of hazing or any person with knowledge or belief or conduct which may constitute hazing should report the alleged acts immediately to the building principal or to an assistant principal for investigation and other appropriate action.

- B. Any other employee of the Shelton Board who receives a report of alleged hazing shall inform the building principal or assistant principal immediately for investigation and other appropriate action.

V. Retaliation

The school district will discipline or take appropriate action against any student, teacher, administrator, volunteer, contractor, or any employee of the school district who retaliates against any person who makes a good faith report of alleged hazing or against any person who assists or participates in an investigation of alleged hazing, or against any person who testifies, assists, or participates in a proceeding or hearing relating to such hazing. Retaliation includes, but is not limited to, any form of intimidation, reprisal, or harassment.

VI. Dissemination of Policy

Reference to this policy will appear in each school's parent and/or student handbook and in each school's staff handbook. Prior to participation in any school-sponsored extracurricular activity (including all extracurricular athletic activities), any participating student must sign and date an activity participation statement that includes information about the Hazing Policy. It is the responsibility of the athletic coach, marching band and musical director to share the policy yearly with student participants, and to obtain their signature on the statement form (Appendix A) and to maintain a record of such signature.

HAZING POLICY STUDENT SIGNATURE FORM

(This form is to be used for school-sponsored extracurricular activities.)

Name of Extracurricular Activity

Supervisor/Title

I have reviewed the Shelton Public Schools Hazing policy, Policy Code: _____, with my club advisor/coach/activity director, and the policy was explained to me fully.

Student Name (Print)

Student Signature

Date Signed

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Club Advisor/Coach/Activity Director/Administrator
Signature

Date Signed

**TO BE KEPT ON FILE BY THE CLUB ADVISOR, COACH OR
ACTIVITY DIRECTOR.**