

BLOOMSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT Policy Manual
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Section: PUPILS
Title: HAZING
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250. HAZING

.1 Hazing Prohibited

It is the policy of the Bloomsburg Area School District to maintain a working and learning environment free from hazing. Hazing is prohibited.

.2 Definition of Hazing

Hazing means any intentional, knowing, or reckless act directed against a student, by one or more persons, that endangers the mental or physical health or the safety of a student for the purpose of being initiated into, affiliated with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in any organization whose members are or include other students. The term includes, but is not limited to:

- .21 Any type of physical brutality, such as whipping, beating, striking, branding, electronic shocking, placing of a harmful substance on the body, or similar activity.
- .22 Any type of physical activity, such as sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small space, calisthenics, or other activity that subjects a student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of a student.
- .23 Any activity involving consumption of a food, liquid, alcoholic beverage, liquor, drug, or other substance that subjects a student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of a student.
- .24 Any activity that intimidates or threatens a student with ostracism, subjects a student to extreme mental stress, shame, or humiliation, adversely affects the mental health or dignity of a student, discourages a

student from remaining registered in an educational institution, or possibly may cause a student to leave the organization or the institution rather than submit to acts described above.

- .25 Any activity that induces, causes, or requires a student to perform a duty or task that involves a violation of the Penal Code.

.3 Definition of Participation in Hazing

The following actions shall be included in the offense of hazing.

- .31 Engaging in hazing.
- .32 Soliciting, encouraging, directing, aiding, attempting to aid another in engaging in hazing.
- .33 Intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly permitting hazing to occur.
- .34 Having firsthand knowledge of the planning of a specific hazing incident involving a student, or firsthand knowledge that a specific hazing incident has occurred, and failing to report that knowledge to the Building Principal or designee.

.4 Consequences of Violation of Policy

Students who commit any of the actions listed in this policy are in violation of school district policy and are subject to disciplinary procedures of the school district. In addition they may also be subject to criminal prosecution.