

HAZING

It is the policy of the Governor Wentworth Regional School District that hazing activities of any type is inconsistent with the educational process and will be prohibited at all times.

For purposes of this policy, hazing is defined as an activity which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or admission into or affiliation with any organization sanctioned or authorized by the School Board. Permission, consent, or assumption of risk by an individual subjected to hazing does not lessen the prohibition contained in this policy.

No administrator, faculty member, or other employee of the school district will encourage, permit, condone, or tolerate hazing activities. No student will plan, encourage, or engage in any hazing.

Administrators, faculty members, other employees, and students who fail to abide by this policy will immediately be suspended from supervision/participation of the activity. Upon completion of the investigation of the alleged hazing activity, administrators, faculty members, other employees, and students may be subject to disciplinary action, which may include employment termination for employees and expulsion for students; furthermore, violators may be liable for civil and criminal penalties in accordance with the laws of New Hampshire.

According to RSA 631:7, a person is guilty of a class B misdemeanor if such person (1) knowingly participates in any hazing; (2) knowingly submits to hazing and fails to report the incident; (3) is present at or otherwise has direct knowledge of any student hazing and fails to report the incident to law enforcement or educational officials.

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