



LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Lincoln, Massachusetts

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**DRAFT**  
**ANTI-HAZING**

The Lincoln Public Schools community is committed to the safety and well-being of all students. The purpose of this policy is to prevent hazing, to address hazing if it should occur, and to ensure a response to those students who are impacted by hazing.

DEFINITION

As per M.G.L. CH. 269. S 17, the term hazing means any conduct or method of initiation into any student organization, whether on public or private property, which willfully or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health of any student or other person. Such conduct shall include whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to the weather, forced consumption of any food, liquor, beverage, drug or other substance, or any other brutal treatment or forced physical activity which is likely to adversely affect the physical health or safety of any such student or other person, or which subjects such student or other person to extreme mental stress, including extended deprivation of sleep or rest or extended isolation.

REPORTING HAZING

Any student who observes what appears to be the activity of hazing another students or person should report such information to the Principal and include the time, date, location, names of identifiable participants and the types of behavior exhibited. Students and employees are obligated by law to report incidents of hazing to the police department.

Any student who is present when hazing occurs, has an obligation to report the incident and failure to do so can result in disciplinary actions, including suspension from school.

PARTICIPATION IN HAZING

Any student who participates in the hazing of another student or person will result in disciplinary actions, including suspension from school. Actions resulting in disciplinary suspension shall be provided procedural due process as outlined in the student handbook.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

Each secondary school shall issue to every group or organization under its authority or operating on or in conjunction with its campus or school, and to every member, plebe, pledge or applicant for membership in such group or organization, a copy of the regulations (M.G.L. CH.269.17, 18) pertaining to hazing. An officer of each such group or organization shall sign an acknowledgment stating that such group, organization or individual has received the regulation.

As requested, each secondary school shall file, at least annually, a report with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), certifying compliance with the

provisions of this mandate and certifying that each school has adopted a disciplinary policy with regards to the organizers and participants of hazing.

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#### CH. 269, S.17. CRIME OF HAZING; DEFINITION; PENALTY

Whoever is a principal organizer or participant in the crime of hazing as defined herein shall be punished by a fine of not more than three thousand dollars or by imprisonment in a house of correction for not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

The term "hazing" as used in this section and in sections eighteen and nineteen, shall mean any conduct or method of initiation into any student organization, whether on public or private property, which willfully or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health of any student or other person. Such conduct shall include whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to the weather, forced consumption of any food, liquor, beverage, drug or other substance, or any other brutal treatment or forced physical activity which is likely to adversely affect the physical health or safety of any such student or other person, or which subjects such student or other person to extreme mental stress, including extended deprivation of sleep or rest or extended isolation. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section to be contrary, consent shall not be available as a defense to any prosecution under this action.

#### CH. 269, S.18. DUTY TO REPORT HAZING

Whoever knows that another person is the victim of hazing as defined in section seventeen and is at the scene of such crime shall, to the extent that such person can do so without danger or peril to himself or others, report such crime to an appropriate law enforcement official as soon as reasonably practicable. Whoever fails to report such crime shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars.

#### CH. 269, S.19. HAZING STATUTES TO BE PROVIDED; STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE AND DISCIPLINE POLICY REQUIRED

Each secondary school and each public and private school or college shall issue to every group or organization under its authority or operating on or in conjunction with its campus or school, and to every member, plebe, pledge or applicant for membership in such group or organization, a copy of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen. An officer of each such group or organization, and each individual receiving a copy of said sections seventeen and eighteen shall sign an acknowledgment stating that such group, organization or individual has received a copy of said sections seventeen and eighteen.

Each secondary school and each public or private school or college shall file, at least annually, a report with the regents of higher education and in the case of secondary schools, the Board of

Education, certifying that such institution has complied with the provisions of this section and also certifying that said school has adopted a disciplinary policy with regards to the organizers and participants of **hazing**. The Board of Regents and, in the case of secondary schools, the Board of Education shall promulgate regulations governing the content and frequency of such reports, and shall forthwith report to the attorney general any such institution which fails to make such a report.

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