# STDNT9.2.3 - Student Conduct: Prohibited Organizations and Hazing

## S - Student

#### **FNCC**

## PROHIBITED ORGANIZATIONS AND HAZING

## **LOCAL**

#### **GANG ACTIVITY**

For the purpose of District policy, a gang is a group of three (3) or more people who interact together to the exclusion of others, claim a territory or area, have a name, have rivals/enemies; and exhibit antisocial behavior - often associated with crime or a threat to the community.

Any student wearing, carrying, or displaying gang paraphernalia and/or exhibiting behavior or gestures that symbolize gang membership, or causing and/or participating in activities that intimidate or adversely affect the educational activities of another student, or the orderly operation of the schools, shall be subject to disciplinary action.

All violations of this policy shall be treated in accordance with the appropriate procedures and penalties provided for in District policies related to the conduct and discipline of students, staff, and others.

#### **HAZING**

Any activity involving an initiation, hazing, intimidation, assault, or other activity related to group affiliation that is likely to cause or does cause bodily danger, physical harm, or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to students or others is prohibited.

"Hazing" means an act in violation of section §13-1215 or 13-1216.

"Organization" means an athletic team, association, order, society, corps, cooperative, club, or similar group that is affiliated with an educational institution and whose membership consists primarily of students enrolled at that educational institution.

It is no defense to a violation of this policy if the victim consented or acquiesced to hazing.

In accordance with statute, violations of this policy do not include either of the following:

- A. Customary athletic events, contests, or competitions that are sponsored by an educational institution.
- B. Any activity or conduct that furthers the goals of a legitimate educational curriculum, a legitimate extracurricular program, or a legitimate military training program.

A person who reports or complains regarding hazing may report or complain directly to the school administrator or to a professional staff member. The professional staff member receiving the report/complaint shall retrieve sufficient detail from the person to complete the form designated for such purpose. The report/complaint will be investigated by the school administrator or a supervising administrator.

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