

Bay Shore Union Free School District Anti-Hazing Policy

The Board of Education is committed to providing a safe, productive, and positive learning environment within its schools. Hazing activities are demeaning, abusive and/or illegal behaviors that harm victims, and are inconsistent with the educational goals of the District by negatively impacting the school environment. Hazing of a student by another student or group of students is strictly prohibited on school property, in school buildings, on school buses, by school sponsored groups, clubs or teams, and at school sponsored events and/or activities whether occurring on or off campus. Hazing of a student includes soliciting, encouraging, aiding, or engaging in "hazing" behavior as defined pursuant to District policy, regulation and/or law. The Board of Education shall require the prohibition of hazing-along with the range of possible intervention activities and/or sanctions for such misconduct to be included in the \_\_\_\_\_ for all grade levels.

## Definition of Hazing

For purposes of this policy, the term "*hazing*"

Examples of hazing include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a) Any kind of physical brutality such as whipping, beating, striking, branding, electrical shocks, placing a harmful substance on or in the body;
- b) Any kind of physical activity such as sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small space, or other activity that creates an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the student;
- c) Any activity involving the consumption of food, liquid, alcoholic beverage, drug, or other substance that subjects a student to an unreasonable risk of harm.
- d) Any activity that induces, causes, or requires a student to perform a duty or task that involves the commission of a crime or an act of hazing as defined herein.

## False Accusations

It is a violation of the District's \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ make false accusations of hazing or any other misconduct. Any student who makes such a knowingly false accusation will be subject to disciplinary action.

## District Responsibility

Rules against hazing shall be publicized District-wide and shall be disseminated as appropriate to staff, students and parents/guardians. Each coach and/or co- or extra-