

Wayside Academy Anti-Hazing Policy and Procedures

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, 269, section 17-19, The school administration deems that no student, employee, or school organization under the control of Wayside Academy school administration, shall engage in the activity of hazing a student on or off school grounds, or a school sponsored event regardless of the location. No organization that uses the facilities or grounds under the control of School administration shall engage in the activity of hazing any person while on school property.

Any student who observes what appears to them to be the activity of hazing another student or person should report such information to the Principal including the time, date, location, names of participants and the type of behavior observed. Students and school employees are obligated by law to report incidents of hazing to the police department.

Any student who is present at a hazing has the obligation to report such an incident. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action by the school leading up and including out of school suspensions.

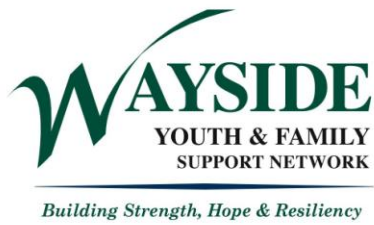
Any student who participates in the hazing of another student or other person will be disciplined by the school leading up to and including suspensions. The school will contact the Framingham Police Department to file a report as well.

Any student determined by the School Administration to be the organizer of a hazing activity may be recommended for immediate termination of their school placement but will receive no less disciplinary action than that of a participant.

Listed below is the language found in the Massachusetts General Law, 269, section 17 for Hazing.

Section 17. 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 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 wilfully 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



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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 the contrary, consent shall not be available as a defense to any prosecution under this action.