

BEACH DISTRICT PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION ANTI-HAZING STATEMENT

The Virginia Beach City Public Schools and the Beach District High School Principals Association, in an effort to promote a positive atmosphere in all student activities, subscribes to the following anti-hazing statement set forth below. It is the intention of the association that this information be shared with all members of the school community.

Hazing Defined

Hazing occurs when an act is committed against a student or a student is coerced into committing an act that creates a substantial risk of harm to the student or to any third party in order for the student to be initiated into, or affiliated with, any school group, club, athletic team, grade level, activity, or organization.

Hazing includes, but is not limited to:

- Any activity involving an unreasonable risk of physical harm, including, for example, paddling, beating, whipping, branding, electric shock, sleep deprivation, exposure to weather, placement of harmful substances on the body, or participation in physically dangerous activities.
- Any activity involving the consumption of alcohol, drugs, tobacco products, or any other food, liquid, or other substance that subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of physical harm.
- Any activity involving actions of a sexual nature or the simulation of actions of a sexual nature.
- Any activity that subjects a student to an extreme or unreasonable level of embarrassment, shame, or humiliation or which creates a hostile, abusive, or intimidating environment for the student.
- Any activity involving any violation of federal, state, or local law or any violation of school district policies and regulations.

Monitoring On-Going Compliance with the Anti-Hazing Statement

Administrators, coaches/sponsors, and the student activities coordinator should maintain an on-going plan of monitoring for such activities that would be deemed unacceptable according to this statement. All instances in question should be investigated.

Process for the Reporting of Suspected Instances of Hazing

All incidents of hazing should be reported immediately to school administrators.

Adopted by the Virginia Beach High School Principals' Association, February 10, 2004.