Students

HAZING **5131.91**

The Fairfield Public Schools prohibit any activity that recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental health, physical health, or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or participation in a school activity.

Hazing is prohibited whether it occurs on or off school grounds and whether it occurs during, prior to, or after the season or school day. Any hazing activity, whether by an individual or a group, shall be presumed to be a forced activity, even if the student willingly participates.

All coaches and advisors are required, prior to commencement of their season or activity, to meet and explain this policy to all participants. In the event that a coach or advisor becomes aware of any violations of this policy, it must be reported immediately to the building administrator.

If a student believes that hazing has occurred, the student shall promptly report this incident to a coach or advisor, counselor, or administrator. This information must immediately be brought to the building administrator. The building administrator will conduct a comprehensive investigation. All information will be held in strict confidence.

Consequences for hazing activities may include, but are not limited to: team / activity suspension or removal, school suspension or expulsion, or legal prosecution.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide that students and parents or guardians of students are notified of the prohibition against hazing and the penalties for violating the prohibition by ensuring inclusion of this policy in student and parent handbooks.

Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes
53-23a Hazing

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