

**HAZING**PURPOSE AND PHILOSOPHY

Hazing and initiation activities that involve hazing are abusive and illegal behaviors that harm victims and negatively impact the school environment by creating an atmosphere of fear, distrust, and mean-spiritedness. Because the District is committed to providing a safe and orderly environment for all students that promotes respect, civility, and dignity, it is the purpose of this policy to establish and preserve an educational environment free from any type of hazing or initiation activities that invoke hazing.

POLICY

The District strictly prohibits any person from engaging individually or collectively in any form of hazing or related initiation activity on school property, in conjunction with any school activity, or involving any person associated with the school, regardless of where it occurs. Consistent with the District's Safe and Orderly Schools and Sexual Harassment policies, any person who participates in hazing or related initiation activity, or conspires to engage in hazing will face immediate disciplinary action, up to and including suspension, termination, expulsion, exclusion, and loss of participation in extracurricular activities. In addition persons who participate in hazing will be referred to law enforcement authorities and may face subsequent prosecution.