

MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: HAZING

ADOPTED: October 5, 2009

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<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Definitions</p> <p>3. Authority SC 510, 511 Pol. 122, 123</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">247. HAZING</p> <p>The purpose of this policy is to maintain a safe, positive environment for students and staff that is free from hazing. Hazing activities of any type are inconsistent with the educational goals of the district and are prohibited at all times.</p> <p>For purposes of this policy hazing is defined as any activity that recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental health, physical health or safety of a student or causes willful destruction or removal of public or private property for the purpose of initiation or membership in or affiliation with any organization recognized by the Board.</p> <p>Endanger the physical health shall include but not be limited to any brutality of a physical nature, such as whipping; beating; branding; forced calisthenics; exposure to the elements; forced consumption of any food, alcoholic beverage, drug, or controlled substance; or other forced physical activity that could adversely affect the physical health or safety of the individual.</p> <p>Endanger the mental health shall include any activity that would subject an individual to extreme mental stress, such as prolonged sleep deprivation, forced prolonged exclusion from social contact, forced conduct which could result in extreme embarrassment, or any other forced activity which could adversely affect the mental health or dignity of the individual.</p> <p>Any hazing activity, whether by an individual or a group, shall be presumed to be a forced activity, even if a student willingly participates.</p> <p>The Board does not condone any form of initiation or harassment, known as hazing, as part of any school-sponsored student activity. No student, coach, sponsor, volunteer or district employee shall plan, direct, encourage, assist or engage in any hazing activity.</p> <p>The Board directs that no administrator, coach, sponsor, volunteer or district employee shall permit, condone or tolerate any form of hazing.</p>
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References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 511

Board Policy – 122, 123