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It is the policy of the Windham Academy Public Charter School that no student or employee of the school shall participate in or be a member of any secret organization that is in any degree related to the school or to a school activity. No student organization or any person associated with any organization authorized by the Windham Academy Public Charter School shall engage or participate in hazing.

For the purposes of this policy, hazing is defined as an activity which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or admission into or affiliation with any organization authorized by the Windham Academy Public Charter School.

"Endanger the physical health" shall include, but is not 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 dangerous substance; or any forced physical activity which could adversely affect the physical health or safety of the individual.

"Endanger the mental health" shall include any activity, except those activities authorized by law, which would subject the individual to extreme mental stress, such as prolonged sleep deprivation, forced prolonged exclusion from social contact which could result in extreme embarrassment, or any other forced activity which could adversely affect the mental health or dignity of the individual.

Any hazing activity upon which the initiation or admission into or affiliation with an organization authorized by the Windham Academy Public Charter School is conditioned, directly or indirectly, shall be presumed to be a forced activity, even if the student willingly participates in such activity.

Students or employees who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action which may include expulsion for students and employment termination for employees.

A copy of this policy will be furnished to each student and employee of the Windham Academy Public Charter School.

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Legal Reference:

RSA 631:7, Student Hazing

New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed 306.04(a)(7), Student Hazing