

CATASAUQUA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

247 – HAZING		1
1. Purpose	The purpose of this policy is to maintain a safe, positive environment for students and staff that is free from hazing.	2 3 4 5
2. Definitions	Hazing is defined as any activity that recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental health, physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or membership in or affiliation with any group.	6 7 8 9
	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.	10 11 12 13 14 15
	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, 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.	16 17 18 19 20 21
	Any hazing activity, whether by an individual or a group, shall be presumed to be a forced activity, even if a student willingly participates.	22 23 24
3. Authority SC 510 Pol. 122,123	The board does not condone any form of initiation or harassment, known as hazing. No student, coach, sponsor, volunteer or district employee shall plan, direct, encourage, assist or engage in any hazing activity.	25 26 27 28
	The board directs that no administrator, coach, sponsor, volunteer or district employee shall permit, condone or tolerate any form of hazing.	29 30 31
	The district will investigate all complaints of hazing and will administer appropriate discipline to any individual who violates this policy.	32 33 34
	Students who have been subject to hazing are encouraged to promptly report such incidents to the building principal.	35 36 37 38

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4. Delegation
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Responsibility

District administrators shall investigate promptly all complaints of hazing and administer appropriate discipline to any individual who violates this policy.

Administrators, coaches, sponsors, volunteers, and district employees shall be alert to incidents of hazing and shall stop their occurrence and report such conduct to the building principal.

The district shall annually inform students, parents, coaches, sponsors, volunteers and district staff that hazing of district students is prohibited, by the following means:

- A. publication in student and faculty handbooks
- B. verbal instructions by the coach or sponsor at the start of the season or program
- C. distribute a copy of this policy to all head coaches and extra-curricular advisors

