

HAZING AND INITIATION EVENTS

Background

Hazing activities are detrimental to individual students, to school climate, to school reputation and are therefore prohibited.

Initiation ceremonies or activities help create and can lead to situations where hazing can occur.

Definition

Hazing is any act perceived by the recipient to be demeaning or degrading in nature.

Procedures

1. The Principal shall make all students and parents aware of this prohibition.
2. Hazing and initiation activities are not allowed in NLSD schools.
3. Students who disregard this prohibition will have their case reviewed by the Principal and can either be suspended by the Principal for up to 4 days or if the offence is viewed as a serious action, the Principal can recommend expulsion of the student to the Superintendent.
4. Staff including coaches, who by action or inaction condone activities of this type, leave themselves open to both professional conduct and legal charges.

Reference: Section 45, 60, 61, School Act
Review by the Minister – Information Bulletin 3.5.1
Policy 13 – Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters