



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3357:15-19-13 Anti-hazing policy.

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Stark state college strictly prohibits hazing in any form as prescribed in section 2903.31 of the Revised Code and will investigate and respond to all reports of hazing as outlined in this policy.

(A) This policy applies to Stark state college students, student organizations, student groups, and employees. This policy also applies to volunteers acting in an official capacity that advise or coach student organizations and/or student groups who have direct contact with students. Stark state college has jurisdiction under this policy whether the conduct occurs on or off campus. Violations may also be subject to civil and criminal penalties under Ohio law.

This anti-hazing policy applies to conduct that occurs on or off-campus, between two or more people who are affiliated with the college, or any student or other organization associated with the college.

(B) Hazing means doing any of the following: pressuring, causing, forcing, soliciting, or coercing any person to do any of the following for the purpose of initiating, admitting, or affiliating an individual into or with a student group or student organization; continuing or enhancing an individual's membership or status in a student group or student organization; or perpetuating or furthering a tradition or ritual of a student group or student organization. Specific examples include:

(1) Engaging in any conduct prohibited by federal and/or state and/or municipal criminal law, regardless of whether an arrest is made or criminal charges are brought;

(2) Taking into their body any food, liquid (including alcohol), drug, or other substance that subjects the person to a substantial risk of mental or physical harm; and/or;

(3) Causing or creating a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm to another and/or engage in any act or omission that contributes to the death of another.



(C) The implied or expressed consent of a student to hazing is not a defense to a student code of conduct violation. Furthermore, retaliation against any person who reports hazing or who participates in a hazing investigation pursuant to this policy is in violation of the student code of conduct and is subject to disciplinary action.