



LYNNFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
275 Essex Street
Lynnfield, MA 01940

ANTI-HAZING FORM

HAZING (File JICFA, JICFA-E)

In complying with M.G.L. Chapter 269, Sections 17, 18, and 19, the School Committee requires that the Lynnfield High School and Lynnfield Middle School:

1. Issue to every group or organization under its authority or operating on or in conjunction with the school and to every member, plebe, pledgee or applicant for membership in such group or organization a copy of Chapter 269, Sections 17, 18, and 19.
2. Gather the signatures of an officer of each group or organization and each individual receiving a copy of Chapter 269, Sections 17, 18, and 19 acknowledging receipt of the copy.

Rules and Regulations that comply with legislation on hazing are as follows:

A. Athletic Rules and Regulations

Athletes are not to organize, take part or be involved in any way with initiation or hazing of fellow athletes. Athletes will not only be suspended from that team but are subject to punishment by arrest, imprisonment and/or fines for hazing as provided in Chapter 269, Sections 17, 18, and 19.

B. General Rules and Regulations

Students who are members or applicants for membership in any school-sponsored group or organization are not to organize or take part or be involved in any way with initiation or hazing of fellow students. Students will not only be suspended from that activity but are subject to punishment by arrest, imprisonment and/or fines for hazing as provided in Chapter 269, Sections 17, 18, and 19.

CH. 269, S.17. CRIME OF HAZING; DEFINITION; PENALTY

Whoever is a principal organizer or participant in the crime of hazing as defined herein shall be punished by a fine of not more than three thousand dollars or by imprisonment in a house of correction for not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

The term "hazing" as used in this section and in sections eighteen and nineteen, shall mean any conduct or method of initiation into any student organization, whether on public or private property, which willfully or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health of any student or other person. Such conduct shall include whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to the weather, forced consumption of any food, liquor, beverage, drug or other substance, or any other brutal treatment or forced physical activity which is likely to adversely affect the physical health or safety of any such student or other person, or which subjects such student or other person to extreme mental stress, including extended deprivation of sleep or rest or extended isolation. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section to be contrary, consent shall not be available as a defense to any prosecution under this action.

CH. 269, S.18. DUTY TO REPORT HAZING

Whoever knows that another person is the victim of hazing as defined in section seventeen and is at the scene of such crime shall, to the extent that such person can do so without danger or peril to him/herself or others, report such crime to an appropriate law enforcement official as soon as reasonably practicable. Whoever fails to report such crime shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars.

CH. 269, S.19. HAZING STATUTES TO BE PROVIDED; STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE AND DISCIPLINE POLICY REQUIRED

Each secondary school and each public and private school or college shall issue to every group or organization under its authority or operating on or in conjunction with its campus or school, and to every member, plebe, pledgee or applicant for membership in such group or organization, a copy of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen. An officer of

each such group or organization, and each individual receiving a copy of said sections seventeen and eighteen shall sign an acknowledgement stating that such group, organization or individual has received a copy of said sections seventeen and eighteen.

Each secondary school and each public or private school or college shall file, at least annually, a report with the regents of higher education and in the case of secondary schools, the Board of Education, certifying that such institution has complied with the provisions of this section and also certifying that said school has adopted a disciplinary policy with regards to the organizers and participants of hazing. The Board of Regents and in the case of secondary schools, the Board of Education shall promulgate regulations governing the content and frequency of such reports, and shall forthwith report to the attorney general any such institution which fails to make such a report.

Date: _____

By checking this box, I acknowledge that I understand the Hazing Policy and I will not participate in any form of hazing.

Student Name : _____

Please type your name in the line above indicating your agreement and understanding of the LHS Anti-Hazing Policy