

LOUISIANA COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM
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The LCTCS Board is committed to providing a positive academic and social environment for all students. In accordance with the purpose of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System and Louisiana R.S. 17:1801 hazing in any form is prohibited at the System colleges. Each college shall establish a written policy and develop a plan to disseminate the information to the campus community including but not limited to student organizations, clubs, and athletic teams. A copy shall be present to the Board.

- A. No student or student organization shall employ a program of student initiation/pledge education or social events which includes “hazing.”
- B. Hazing shall be defined as:
 - 1. Any action taken or situation created, whether on or off college property, which has a potential for causing physical injuries or mental anguish to the individual; and
 - 2. Kidnapping, paddling, slapping, branding, burning with cigarette, or any such activities which are life-threatening to the individual or are intended to hurt or to physically or mentally humiliate the individual.
- C. Hazing may include but is not limited to the following activities when these activities are life-threatening or are intended to hurt or physically or mentally humiliate the individual:
 - 1. Physical exercise, scavenger hunts, road trips, any activity resulting in excessive fatigue, physical or psychological shocks;
 - 2. Wearing apparel which is uncomfortable to the individual or, if worn publicly, is conspicuous or not normally in good taste;
 - 3. Engaging in public stunts or buffoonery, hair cutting, morally degrading or humiliating games or activities, giving of food or drink (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) which is distasteful or designed to provoke nausea or inebriation.
 - 4. Any form of verbal harassment, any action or situation which subjugates an individual to a condition where he/she might tend to lose self-respect or suffer injury to personal or religious values;
 - 5. Any activities which interfere with the student’s scholastic responsibilities; and
 - 6. The use of obscenities and vulgarities in dress, language, or action.

- D. It shall be the duty of all current and potential student organization members and pledges to report immediately, in writing, any violation of this policy to the appropriate institution administrator. Any violation of this policy shall be investigated and appropriate disciplinary action taken. Officers and members of student organizations are expected to know and abide by all conduct regulations for student organizations.