



Statement of Hazing Policy

and

Campus Hazing Transparency Report

December 23, 2025

Introduction

The Stop Campus Hazing Act (SCHA) of 2024 is a federal law aimed at increasing transparency and accountability in how colleges handle hazing incidents. It requires institutions that receive federal financial aid to publicly report hazing incidents in their annual crime disclosures, just like they do for other campus crimes under the Clery Act. Schools must also establish clear policies to prevent and address hazing, including education programs for students. The law was driven by growing concerns over the dangers of hazing, which has led to severe injuries and deaths in fraternities, sororities, athletic teams, and other student groups. By mandating better reporting and prevention efforts, the act seeks to protect students from harmful initiation practices and hold institutions more accountable.

This Biannual Transparency Report on Hazing Incidents is published in accordance with the SCHA, reinforcing our commitment to student safety and institutional accountability. As part of our duty to create a secure and respectful learning environment, this report provides a detailed account of reported hazing incidents, institutional responses, and preventative measures implemented over the past six months. By sharing this information, we aim to foster awareness, encourage responsible student behavior, and ensure compliance with federal regulations. Our goal is not just to report hazing but to actively work toward a campus culture that prioritizes respect, inclusion, and student well-being.

Definitions

The term '**hazing**', for purposes of reporting statistics on hazing incidents, means any intentional, knowing, or reckless act committed by a person (whether individually or in concert with other persons) against another person or persons regardless of the willingness of such other person or persons to participate, that:

- is committed in the course of an initiation into, an affiliation with, or the maintenance of membership in, a student organization; and
 - causes or creates a risk, above the reasonable risk encountered in the course of participation in the institution of higher education or the organization (such as the physical preparation necessary for participation in an athletic team), of physical or psychological injury including—

- whipping, beating, striking, electronic shocking, placing of a harmful substance on someone's body, or similar activity;
- causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small space, extreme calisthenics, or other similar activity;
- causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing another person to consume food, liquid, alcohol, drugs, or other substances;
- causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing another person to perform sexual acts;
- any activity that places another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threatening words or conduct;
- any activity against another person that includes a criminal violation of local, State, Tribal, or Federal law; and
- any activity that induces, causes, or requires another person to perform a duty or task that involves a criminal violation of local, State, Tribal, or Federal law.

A **student organization** is defined as “an organization at an institution of higher education (such as a club, society, association, varsity or junior varsity athletic team, club sports team, fraternity, sorority, band, or student government) in which two or more of the members are students enrolled at the institution of higher education, whether or not the organization is established or recognized by the institution”.

Disciplinary Policy

The Campus Hazing Transparency Report must include each incident involving a student organization for which a finding of responsibility is issued relating to a hazing violation, including:

- The name of such student organization;
- A general description of the violation that resulted in a finding of responsibility, including:
 - whether the violation involved the abuse or illegal use of alcohol or drugs,
 - the findings of the institution, and
 - any sanctions placed on the student organization by the institution, as applicable; and
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- The dates on which:
 - The incident was alleged to have occurred
 - The investigation into the incident was initiated
 - The investigation ended with a finding that a hazing violation occurred, and
 - The institution provided notice to the student organization that the incident resulted in a hazing violation.
- The Campus Hazing Transparency report cannot include personally identifiable information.

For the period of July 1, 2025 through December 23, 2025 BRTC had no reported incidents of hazing, as defined by the Stop Campus Hazing Act of 2024.