

Massachusetts Bay Community College

Campus Hazing Transparency Report

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In compliance with the federal *Stop Campus Hazing Act*, MassBay Community College (MassBay) publishes a Campus Hazing Transparency Report to inform the public about student organizations found responsible for hazing violations under college policy or state law.

The *Stop Campus Hazing Act* requires all higher education institutions receiving federal aid to publish this report at least twice each year. In accordance with the law, records in this report will be maintained for a minimum of five (5) calendar years from the date of each update.

The law also requires that the college make available information about its hazing-related policies as well as applicable state and local laws.

MassBay Hazing Policy

MassBay Community College expressly prohibits any form of hazing. Hazing is against the law, incorporates other serious crimes, and violates MassBay policy. Reports of hazing will be investigated immediately by the MassBay Community College Police Department, other College administrative offices, outside law enforcement agencies, or any combination thereof. In addition to criminal penalties under Massachusetts law, students or employees are subject to College disciplinary action for organizing or participating in hazing or failing to report persons in danger in conjunction with hazing.

Additional information may be found in the [MassBay Student Handbook](#).

Massachusetts Law on Hazing

MassBay Community College complies with these federal requirements in addition to the following Massachusetts laws: M.G.L. c. 269, §§ 17–19. The full text of the Massachusetts hazing law is provided below.

Section 17. 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 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 the contrary, consent shall not be available as a defense to any prosecution under this action.

Section 18. 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 himself 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.

Section 19. Each institution of secondary education and each public and private institution of post-secondary education shall issue to every student group, student team or student organization which is part of such institution or is recognized by the institution or permitted by the institution to use its name or facilities or is known by the institution to exist as an unaffiliated student group, student team or student organization, a copy of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen; provided, however, that an institution's compliance with this section's requirements that an institution issue copies of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen to unaffiliated student groups, teams or organizations shall not constitute evidence of the institution's recognition or endorsement of said unaffiliated student groups, teams or organizations.

Each such group, team or organization shall distribute a copy of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen to each of its members, plebes, pledges or applicants for membership. It shall be the duty of each such group, team or organization, acting through its designated officer, to deliver annually, to the institution an attested acknowledgement stating that such group, team or organization has received a copy of this section and said sections seventeen and eighteen, that each of its members, plebes, pledges, or applicants has received a copy of sections seventeen and eighteen, and that such group, team or organization understands and agrees to comply with the provisions of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen.

Each institution of secondary education and each public or private institution of postsecondary education shall, at least annually, before or at the start of enrollment, deliver to each person who enrolls as a full-time student in such institution a copy of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen.

Each institution of secondary education and each public or private institution of postsecondary education shall file, at least annually, a report with the board of higher education and in the case of secondary institutions, the board of education, certifying that such institution has complied with its responsibility to inform student groups, teams or organizations and to notify each full-time student enrolled by it of the provisions of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen and also certifying that said institution has adopted a disciplinary policy with regard to the organizers and participants of hazing, and that such policy has been set forth with appropriate emphasis in the student handbook or similar means of communicating the institution's policies to its students. The board of higher education and, in the case of secondary institutions, 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 report.

Required Reporting

2025-2026 Academic Year

There were no findings of hazing behavior during this time period.

2024-2025 Academic Year

There were no findings of hazing behavior during this time period.

2023-2024 Academic Year

There were no findings of hazing behavior during this time period.

2022-2023 Academic Year

There were no findings of hazing behavior during this time period.