



Rowan College of South Jersey

Policy: 8307
Title: **HAZING PREVENTION**
Area: Student Services
Approved: 06/17/25

The Board of Rowan College of South Jersey ("RCSJ" or "College") is committed to providing an environment that encourages academic excellence, personal growth, and a spirit of cooperation. This mission requires an environment safe and free from coercion. To that end, there will be no tolerance for hazing.

"The act (federal) defines hazing to mean 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 (1) is committed in the course of an initiation into, an affiliation with, or the maintenance of membership in, a student organization (e.g., a club, athletic team, fraternity or sorority); and (2) causes or creates a risk, above the reasonable risk encountered in the course of participation in the College or the organization, of physical or psychological injury."

An organization or individual involved in hazing commits a violation of federal and state laws, and a violation of the student code of conduct.

Examples of hazing include, but not limited to:

- a. Forced consumption of alcohol, drugs, or other substances;
- b. Required acts that cause excessive fatigue, exhaustion, physical, mental, or emotional harm;
- c. Forced compulsory servitude;
- d. Kidnapping, drop-offs, or forced road trips;
- e. Morally degrading or humiliating games or activities;
- f. Acts which restrict a student's academic or employment rights; or
- g. Activities that promote the violation of College policies.

In compliance with both the federal (Stop Campus Hazing Act) and state law (Timothy J. Piazza Law), the President will have administrative procedures developed to implement this policy and address requirements of the law.

References:

Rowan College of South Jersey Administrative Procedure, *8007 Student Code of Conduct, 8307 Hazing Prevention, 9001 Campus Security and Compliance with the Clery Act*

Rowan College of South Jersey Board of Trustees Policy Manual, *8007 Student Code of Conduct, 8307 Hazing Prevention, 9001 Campus Security and Compliance with the Clery Act*

Stop Campus Hazing Act, Public Law 118-173. (2023-2024)

Timothy J. Piazza Law Hazing, Section 1 of P.L.1980, c.169 (C.2C:40-3) amended August 24, 2021

Timothy J. Piazza Anti-Hazing Law (NJ Public Law 2021 c208)

New Jersey Anti-Hazing Laws, N.J.S.A. 2C:40-3