

Anti-Hazing, Anti-Bullying Policy

Fall River Deaconess Home School believes that every individual in its program, as well as visitors to its program, should be able to enjoy an environment free from hazing or bullying. Behavior that disregards the rights of others is unacceptable and any student engaging in such behavior will be subject to disciplinary action. Any student who retaliates against an individual who has brought a complaint of bullying or hazing or who retaliates against someone who has cooperated in an investigation of a complaint of hazing or bullying will be subject to disciplinary action. Conduct constituting bullying or hazing includes 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.

Any student or staff member who believes that s/he is a victim of any of the above actions or has observed such actions should report them immediately to the Director of Professional Services. Any student violating this policy will be placed on Level I for one-to-one staff supervision, subject to appropriate disciplinary actions.

Every student in the Deaconess Home School program is to be given a copy of Sections 17 – 19 of Ch. 269 before or at the time of enrollment, and at least annually thereafter.