

Big Bend Community College (BBCC) is committed to and maintains an atmosphere of social and ethical responsibility. It is the College's belief that learning and working occurs in environments where students, employees, and visitors feel safe, secure, and welcome.

Big Bend Community College regards responsible pre-initiation activity or extra- and co-curricular activities as a positive educational approach to preparation for student group or organization membership and affiliation, who maintain different purposes and process. These purposes and process may have traditions and BBCC supports traditions that align with the vision, mission, and guiding principles. BBCC further recognizes that a student organization or group may belong to a national oversight organization that also holds students accountable to expectations and standards (e.g., the national organization for a local chapter). BBCC is committed to partnering with these outside affiliates to address hazing allegations and will communicate with them as appropriate.

Hazing is prohibited at Big Bend Community College (BBCC). Hazing is any conduct committed as part of a person's recruitment, initiation, pledging, admission into, or affiliation with a student organization, athletic team, or living group (collectively "student groups") or any pastime or amusement engaged in with respect to such a student group that causes, or is likely to cause, bodily danger or physical harm, or serious psychological or emotional harm, to any student or other person attending Big Bend Community College, including causing, directing, coercing, or forcing a person to consume any food, liquid, alcohol, drug, or other substance which subjects the person to risk of such harm, regardless of the person's willingness to participate.

"Hazing" does not include customary athletic events or other similar contests or competitions. This prohibition applies to conduct that may occur both on and off campus. In compliance with RCW 28B.10.900-908 ), BBCC will implement procedures and programs, including offering students and employees hazing prevention training and programming, implementation of a mandatory reporting procedure, creation of a hazing prevention committee, and publication of a hazing report.

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