

BULLYING AND HAZING

The Belmont Public Schools is committed to maintaining a school environment free of behavior that infringes on the physical and emotional safety and well-being of any student. The Belmont Public Schools shall not tolerate bullying or cyber-bullying as defined by Massachusetts Law Chapter 71, section 370 (Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2010). The Superintendent shall ensure the development of a Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan as required by Massachusetts law and regulations.

No student, employee or school organization under the control of the Belmont Public Schools shall engage in the activity of hazing, as defined in Massachusetts law, a student while on or off school property, or at a school sponsored event, regardless of the location. No student organization that uses the facilities or grounds under the control of the Belmont Public Schools shall engage in the activity of hazing any person while on school property. The Superintendent shall ensure that all requirements of Massachusetts General Laws prohibiting hazing are acknowledged and enforced.

Legal References: Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2010
MGL 71:370
Title VII, Section 703, Civil Right Act of 1964, as amended, (78 Stat. 255; 42 U.S.C. 2000e
Title IX, of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §1681 et seq
603 CMR 26.00
MGL 269: 17,18 &19
603 CMR 33.00

Cross References: Students 5010 – Freedom and Expression
Belmont Schools’ Student Handbooks available at each school and at/or The Belmont Schools Website, www.belmont.k12.ma.us