



TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF THE LOWCOUNTRY

PROCEDURE: Stop Campus Hazing Act Number: 4.4.1.6

Responsibility: Student Services

Last Review: June 17, 2025

Related Policy: 4.4.1 Grievances and Student Code

State Law: Code of Laws – Title 59 – Chapter 1 – Colleges and Institutions of Higher Learning Generally (Section 59-101-200); Code of Laws – Title 16 – Chapter 3 – Hazing (Sections 16-3-510 through 540)

Purpose

The Technical College of the Lowcountry is committed to maintaining a safe and respectful environment for all students. Hazing in any form is strictly prohibited. This policy outlines the definitions, prohibitions, procedures, and consequences related to hazing activities. This policy includes all student organizations recognized by the Technical College of the Lowcountry as well as any unofficial student group of two or more people operating as club, societies, associations, etc., SGA, SVA, and club sport team. Student groups and individual students should not condone or engage in any hazing activity.

Definition of Hazing

"Hazing" means the wrongful striking, laying open hand upon, threatening with violence, or offering to do bodily harm by a superior student to a subordinate student with intent to punish or injure the subordinate student, or other unauthorized treatment by the superior student of a subordinate student of a tyrannical, abusive, shameful, insulting, or humiliating nature.

Reporting Procedures

Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to report any suspected hazing activities immediately. Reports can be made through the following channels:

Rodney Adams, Associate Vice President of Student Services
(843) 525-8219
radams@tcl.edu
Beaufort Mather Campus, Bldg. 2, Rm. 203

Investigation and Adjudication

Upon receiving a report of hazing, the Technical College of the Lowcountry will conduct a prompt, thorough, and impartial investigation in compliance with the disciplinary procedures outlined in [4.4.1.2 Student Code for the South Carolina Technical College System \(SBTCE 3-2-106.1\)](#).

If the investigation determines that hazing has occurred, the responsible individuals or groups will be subject to disciplinary action, which may include:

- Warning or reprimand
- Probation
- Loss of privileges
- Suspension or expulsion from the college
- Revocation of organizational recognition or privileges

Support and Resources

The Technical College of the Lowcountry is committed to providing support to victims of hazing, including but not limited to personal counseling services.

Hazing Prevention Policy

The Technical College of the Lowcountry is committed to maintaining a safe and respectful environment for all students. The Technical College of the Lowcountry's college hazing policy outlines the definitions, prohibitions, procedures, and consequences related to hazing activities. The policy applies to all student organizations recognized by the Technical College of the Lowcountry as well as any unofficial student group of two or more people operating as club, societies, associations, etc., SGA, SVA, and club sport teams. Hazing in any form will not be tolerated, and appropriate disciplinary actions will be taken in accordance with the [4.4.1.2 Student Code for the South Carolina Technical College System \(SBTCE 3-2-106.1\)](#) against any individuals or groups found in violation of this policy.

The College provides research-based hazing prevention programming that includes primary prevention strategies intended to stop hazing before it occurs including but not limited to "Practicing Values-Based Leadership & Decision Making" for students and "Bystander Intervention" for students, faculty and staff.