Western Nebraska Community College

Hazing Transparency Report

Western Nebraska Community College (WNCC) is committed to creating a safe and respectful environment for everyone in the college community. To this end, hazing is prohibited and will not be tolerated, and all individuals participating in WNCC programs or activities must comply with applicable state and federal law and all college policies prohibiting hazing. This report summarizes findings concerning student organizations that are recognized by WNCC and are found in violation of the college's hazing policy.

Bi-Annual Update to the Hazing Transparency Report for the Period of January – June 2026

Organization Name	Description of Violation	Date of Incident	Date of Determination	Sanctions Imposed
None	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

What is hazing?

Hazing is defined as "Any intentional, knowing, or reckless act committed by a person (whether individually or in concert with another person) against another person or persons regardless of the willingness of such other person or persons to participate, that is committed in the course of an initiation into, affiliation with, or the maintenance of membership in a student organization and causes or creates risk, above the reasonable risk encountered in the course of participation in the institution of higher education or the organization, of physical or psychological injury."

Stop Campus Hazing Act

Congress passed the **Stop Campus Hazing Act (SCHA)** in 2024, and it amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act of 1990.

The Stop Campus Hazing Act has three primary components.

1. **Inclusion of hazing statistics in annual security reports:** WNCC will include statistics for hazing incidents that were reported to campus security authorities or local law enforcement, as defined by the SCHA, in its annual security reports.

   A copy of WNCC's annual Fire and Safety (Clery) Report can be found **here**.

2. **Implementation of hazing policies, including those specific to hazing prevention:** WNCC is required to have a hazing policy with information on how to make a report of hazing and the process used to investigate hazing incidents. The College must also have a policy that addresses having prevention and awareness programs, which includes a description of research-informed campus-wide prevention programs and primary prevention strategies.

   A copy of WNCC's hazing policy (Board Policy 563) can be found **here.**

3. **Compilation of a Campus Hazing Transparency Report:** WNCC must compile and publish on a prominent location of its public website a hazing transparency report that summarizes findings concerning any student organization found to be in violation of the institution's standards of conduct related to hazing. This report must include:

- The name of the student organization;
- A general description of the violation that resulted in the finding of responsibility; and
- The date of the alleged incident, the date of the initiation of the investigation, the date the investigation ended with a finding, and the date the institution provided notice to the organization of the finding.

Campus Hazing Transparency Report

In accordance with the Stop Campus Hazing Act, information on the Campus Hazing Transparency Report will be updated twice annually (June and December) and will include information for five (5) years from the date the information is initially posted.

If information that would normally be included in the Campus Hazing Transparency Report would reveal personally identifiable information about an individual, the information will be excluded in compliance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act.

Findings of Violations

July 2026 Report

Organization Name	Description of Violation	Date of Incident	Date of Determination	Sanctions Imposed
None	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

December 2025 Report

Organization Name	Description of Violation	Date of Incident	Date of Determination	Sanctions Imposed
None	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a