

Positive Pledge Education Assessment

The Positive Pledge Education Assessment (PPEA) is designed to support and promote the safety and quality of the pledging experience of the undergraduates in Beta Theta Pi. Chapters required to submit a Positive Pledge Education Assessment by their district chief must do so by the deadline required by their district chief. This should include all pledging related documents, materials, manuals, quizzes, calendars, etc. **Note: Certification of the written program does not certify implementation of the written program.** Please complete the following documentation to officially certify this program.

Chapter:		Designation:			
District Chief:		District #:			
New Member Ed Advisor:					
New Member Educator:					
Year:	Semesters Certified For (circle all that apply):				
	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter	Next Spring

Assessed by New Member Ed Advisor On:	
Certified by District Chief On:	
Submitted to the AO for Documentation On:	

Necessary Pledge Education Program Components

For a program to be certified 100% positive, it must contain all items listed below. These items must be identifiable in the written program and easily understood by the reader (dates and locations of events are also necessary). Please place an X next to each present item.

- 1. Have a written calendar of all activities including date, time and location
- 2. Have written records for all events, activities, tests and other materials
- 3. Have a clear set of written expectations and positive accountability
- 4. Build positive brotherhood with the chapter and new members
- 5. Educate on the purpose, values and principles of the Fraternity including the Objects
- 6. Educate on Beta history, local history and Fraternity songs
- 7. Educate on operations including SCOE, risk management, recruitment and officer positions
- 8. Have a positive initiation week with all rituals and complementary ritual reviews
- 9. Education on hazing prevention including the definition and how to report hazing
- 10. Education on the General Fraternity sponsored leadership development opportunities

Unacceptable Red Flags in the Pledging Process

If the program contains any of these items, it cannot be certified as 100% positive. Please place an X next to each "red flag" item.

- 1. Physical, verbal or mental abuse of any kind (i.e. line-ups, calisthenics or mandatory work-out programs)
- 2. Alcohol or drugs in the pledging process
- 3. Personal servitude including inequitable duties or labor (i.e. pledge-only house cleaning)
- 4. Activities that take an inordinate amount of time and lack purpose (i.e. "house hours")
- 5. Unnecessary requirements or rules used to exercise power over new members
- 6. Any dishonest elements or intentions to mislead or demean new members
- 7. Interview processes that require a service or interrogation for a signature or excessive memorization
- 8. Scavenger hunts, kidnapping activities or mandatory road trips
- 9. Activities requiring unusual hours that jeopardize academic performance

No chapter shall engage in hazing activities. Hazing activities are defined as:

“Any action taken or situation created intentionally or through gross negligence, whether on or off fraternity premises, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule. Such activities may include, but are not limited to, the following: use of alcohol; paddling in any form; creation of excessive fatigue; physical and psychological shocks; quests, treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, road trips or any other such activities carried on outside or inside the confines of the chapter house; wearing of public apparel which is conspicuous and not normally in good taste; engaging in public stunts; morally degrading or humiliating games and activities; and any other activities which are not consistent with state law, fraternal law, ritual or policy or the regulations and policies of the educational institution.”

** Each state and university should also have its own definition of hazing available through the Greek Affairs or Student Life office. The chapter must comply with this policy as well as that of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity.*

If there isn't a new member education advisor assigned to the chapter, the district chief should explain the steps being taken to place an advisor: