

Academic Honesty Policy

People who have integrity do the right thing because it is the right thing to do. In the classroom, academic integrity means that a student does not and will not cheat. Teachers should be able to trust that a student has turned in work that reflects his or her understanding of the material studied. When students cheat, teachers cannot tell if learning has taken place. Cheaters also take advantage of the person whose work they are copying. Cheating is the same thing as stealing.

Cheating in my class will result in zeroes on the assignment for all students involved as well as documentation in Synergy and parent contact. For further clarification, cheating includes but is not limited to the following activities:

Copying: This is the most common form of cheating. When you copy from another student's test paper, homework assignment, or essay, you are cheating. This also includes copying information directly from the internet and pasting or writing it into your own assignment. If you have questions about properly using internet sources, please see me.

Collaboration: Working with another student or a parent on an assignment that was meant to be done individually is cheating. If your friend or your parent provides you with answers and you are not completing your own work, it will show when you complete an in-class assignment or test.

Unauthorized Materials: If you have notebooks, cell phones, or any other material or electronic device that I have not said that you may use during a test or assignment, you are cheating. You may only use materials authorized by me.

Plagiarism: Using the work of another person and calling it your own is plagiarism. If you quote or summarize another person's words without identifying who originally made the statements, you are plagiarizing that person's work.

Fabrication and Falsification: It is not acceptable to make up statistics, facts, or resources to use in your work as "support" for your assignment. Unless you are told to imagine or write fiction, you must stick with facts that can be verified by "real" sources.

Complicity: If you help another student to cheat, you are just as guilty as the cheater. If you see a student copying your work and do not attempt to cover your answers or tell me, you share the blame.