

Academic Honesty

The Regional School District No. 17 Public Schools continually strive for academic excellence. Students are expected to pursue their school work with integrity and honesty. Cheating and plagiarism demonstrates a lack of integrity and character that is inconsistent with the goals and values of the District.

This policy focuses on two common areas of academic dishonesty: cheating and plagiarism as defined as follows.

Cheating is defined as and includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Copying or attempting to copy another student's homework, quiz, test, essay, or lab report.
2. Cheating on tests through such means as cheat sheets, use of unauthorized electronic devices, and discussion of test information with other students.
3. Obtaining test questions and/or copies of tests outside the classroom test setting.
4. Lending and/or copying from another student's work (homework, tests, projects, assignments).
5. Altering or interfering with grading (forging signatures, changing or inserting answers on work after grading).
6. Allowing another student to copy answers during a test situation.
7. Collaborating with other students on an assignment in direct violation of teacher's instructions.
8. Using books and electronic information in generating an assignment in direct violation of teacher's instructions.
9. Accessing, taking, and benefiting from copies of tests and quizzes previously used or to be used by teachers.
10. Submitting work previously presented in this course or in another course.

Plagiarism is defined as and includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Copying material from the source, including the Internet, without citing the source, or citing the source but omitting quotation marks.
2. Paraphrasing the source without proper citation.
3. Copying stories, in whole or part, which appear in books, magazines, television or film.
4. Copying directly, without making any changes, alterations or adaptations from a drawing, painting, illustration, photographic image, or graphic symbol without citing the source.
5. Submitting papers written in whole or part by someone else, including the Internet.
6. Submitting papers on which the student has received substantial assistance from peers and/or adults that dramatically changes the character of the work so that it is no longer the student's own.
7. Submitting a paper acquired from a research or term paper service, including, but not limited to the Internet.

A student who engages in any form of academic dishonesty will be subject to the loss of credit for the work in question, as well as other disciplinary measures.

(cf. 5114 - Suspension/Expulsion)

(cf. 5121 - Examination/Grading/Rating)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline/Punishment)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

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