

All students are expected to demonstrate integrity, civility, responsibility and self-control. This expectation is directly related to the Watauga County Board of Education's (the "board") educational objectives for students to learn to be responsible for and accept the consequences of their behavior and for students to respect cultural diversity and ideological differences. Integrity, civility, responsibility, and self-control are also critical for establishing and maintaining a safe, orderly and inviting environment.

A. PROHIBITED BEHAVIOR

In addition to any standards or rules established by the schools, the following behaviors are in violation of the standards of integrity and civility and are specifically prohibited:

1. cheating, including the actual giving or receiving of any unauthorized assistance or the actual giving or receiving of an unfair advantage on any form of academic work;
2. plagiarizing, including copying the language, structure, idea, and/or thought of another person or of a work produced by artificial intelligence and representing it as one's own original work;
3. violating copyright laws, including the unauthorized reproduction, duplication, and/or use of printed or electronic work, computer software, or other copyrighted material;
4. cursing or using vulgar, abusive, or demeaning language toward another person; and
5. playing abusive or dangerous tricks or otherwise subjecting a student or an employee to personal indignity.

B. CONSEQUENCES

The disciplinary consequences for violations of this policy shall be consistent with Section D of policy 4300, Student Behavior Policies. The superintendent or designee shall list in the Code of Student Conduct the specific range of consequences that may be imposed on a student for violations of this policy.

Legal References: 17 U.S.C. 101, 102, 106, 107, 110, 117; G.S. 115C-47, -288, -307, -390.2

Cross References: Goals and Objectives of the Educational Program (policy 3000), Copyright Compliance (policy 3230/7330), Student Behavior Policies (policy 4300)

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