

Sierra High School Academic Integrity Policy

Pillars of Integrity

Responsibility--Be responsible for your own education and accomplishments.

Honesty--Be straightforward and truthful in submitting work that is your own.

Originality--Develop your own thoughts.

Curiosity--Understand that learning is a valuable, life-long, process.

Academic Integrity and the Schoolwide Learner Outcomes

Communicate Effectively

- Communicate to your teacher, counselor, or parents when you face an obstacle to learning.
- Collaborate with peers to support learning.
- Understand and clarify your teacher's expectations for projects and assignments.

Be Responsible Citizens

- Do your own work and protect the integrity of your work.
- Encourage others to do their own work.
- Give credit to others by properly citing quotations and facts.
- Contribute equitably to group learning.

Develop Positive Relationships

- Communicate openly with your teachers.
- Ask questions when you are unsure of what is expected.
- Help your peers understand accountability for their own work.

Develop Problem-Solving Skills

- Ask your teacher specific questions.
- Ask a friend in the class for assistance, not answers.
- Go to tutoring with specific questions.
- Appropriately use and cite academic resources.

Sierra High School Cheating Policy

Cheating (synonymous with deception, dishonesty, misrepresentation, manipulation, fraud, and/or duplicity) is any act that, when carried out, compromises an individual's integrity.

Cheating includes the use of any materials or resources not specifically directed or authorized by the teacher for an assignment, test, or project and includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Copying from another student during an exam, assignment, or project including the use of any electronic or communication device to cheat.
- Plagiarizing – taking someone else's ideas or work and passing it off as your own rather than giving proper credit and/or presenting any body of work completed by another as the result of your own original idea/project/effort.
- Forging signatures and/or scores.
- Helping another person to cheat either in person or using any electronic or communication device, including the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI).
- The use of ANY electronic or communication device without explicit instruction or direction to do so, including the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI).
- Constructing or completing someone else's project/work or having someone else or something else construct/complete your work.
- Piracy/theft/copying and/or dissemination (distribution) of any test, classroom project, or activity.

The Consequences of Cheating are as Follows

- 1st offense: zero on assignment/test/project, "N" in citizenship, parent notification, referral to Vice-Principal for documentation.
- 2nd offense: zero on assignment/test/project, "U" in citizenship, parent notification, referral to Vice-Principal for Student Conference.
- 3rd offense: zero on assignment/test/project, parent notification, referral to Vice-Principal for Alt Placement.
- 4th offense: zero on assignment/test/project, parent notification, referral to administration for a possible 1-3 day School Suspension.
- Two offenses or more (same term) in different classes: Alternative Placement.

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