

Great Neck South Middle School Statement of Academic Integrity

The South Middle School community recognizes that the majority of our students work hard to present their own ideas in their homework, projects, essays, quizzes, tests, etc. Those who choose to become academically dishonest not only cheat themselves and their teachers, but also other students who demonstrate integrity in their actions.

What is academic integrity?

Academic integrity means **being honest with yourself and your work**.

South Middle School values honesty and integrity. All work students submit must be the product of their own individual efforts and must be consistent with SMS's standards of academically appropriate behaviors. Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated at SMS.

Academic Dishonesty

Cheating on Assessments

Definition: cheating is using or attempting to use materials, information, notes, or technology that has not been approved by the teacher during any type of assessment

Clarifications:

1. Students taking a test cannot look at any unapproved sources or at another student's paper.
2. Students may not acquire unauthorized information from other students who have familiarity with the assessment.

Plagiarism

Definition: the use of other people's words and/or ideas, in whole or in part, as one's own work. The Great Neck Board of Education includes plagiarism and cheating, among other forms of academic misconduct, in the Prohibited Student Conduct section of the Code of Conduct: Prohibited Student Conduct Policy 5300.30.

Clarifications:

1. Every direct quote must be identified with quotation marks and include a parenthetical citation.
2. Students must cite sources they have been inspired by, even if they are not directly quoting the material.
3. Students may not let any assignment be copied by another student.
4. Students may not submit any work that was completed by someone else.
5. Students may not allow their partner to complete all of the work on a joint/group project.
6. Students may not share files.
7. Students may neither retrieve answers from an internet platform such as Discord nor post their work for others to see and plagiarize.

Complicity

Definition: helping or trying to help someone engage in academic dishonesty

Clarifications:

1. Students may not allow other students to look at or copy their work.

2. Students may not provide information about assessments to students who have yet to take the assessment.
3. Students may not assist other students in acts of academic dishonesty in any way.

Falsification

Definition: the act of altering or changing so as to mislead or deceive

1. Changing answers after graded tests have been returned.
2. Forging a signature.

These are just some situations that involve academic dishonesty. We trust you to make the best decisions possible as you are completing your school work and preparing yourself for high school.

SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT:

I have read and I understand the “Great Neck South Middle School Statement of Academic Integrity” document.

I understand that if I engage in academic dishonesty in any way, I will have a meeting with my classroom teacher(s) to discuss my actions. My parents will be notified, and I will be subject to academic consequences that match the severity of my infraction.

I agree to use this statement of academic integrity to inform my decisions here at South Middle School and beyond.

Printed Student Name: _____

Signed Student Name: _____

Date: _____

SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT/GUARDIAN:

I have read the “Great Neck South Middle School Statement of Academic Integrity” document and I will support academic integrity in my role as parent/guardian. I, too, value honesty and integrity in the learning process.

Printed Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Signed Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Date: _____