

Klein High School Code of Academic Integrity

The Klein High School Academic Integrity Code serves as the foundation for honesty and respect toward academics between faculty, staff, and students and provides a basis for lifelong ethical behavior. As such, it is the cornerstone of the Bearkat community. Violations of the Klein High School Code of Academic Integrity include but are not limited to the following actions:

Sharing work with others via:

- Sharing of a USB drive
- Sharing of a tablet
- Sharing via screen shots/text messages/Google
- Sharing of printed/handwritten materials
- Interacting/collaborating through social media concerning assignments
- Copying assignments of others

Cheating on an assignment by:

- Taking or using a picture of a test or answer key and posting on social media (i.e., Snapchat, Group Chats, Instagram, etc.)
- Using a phone or smartwatch to view, share, and/or copy material
- Referencing content material in a hidden manner
- Circumventing electronic security measures to access unauthorized information for any assignment or test
- Using AI (artificial intelligence tools): AI tools like ChatGPT can be used for brainstorming and generating ideas, but students should only use them for course assignments with explicit permission from their instructor. Instructors can also specify how the tools can be used.
 - If AI-generated material is included in an assignment, it must be cited as a reference, considering the quality of the reference.
 - Representing work produced by AI as your own is considered academic dishonesty and a violation of the Klein High School Code of Academic Integrity

Presenting work in a dishonest manner:

- Plagiarism – presenting someone else’s work or thought as your own without proper credit to the original author
- Making a false statement and/or avoiding acknowledgement of the truth with the intent to deceive or mislead concerning academic performance
- Fabricating or inventing data, citation, or authority for academic purposes
- Altering student, teacher, or published materials, extending to teachers’ electronic or printed records

Why is Academic Integrity important?

- Obtaining an education requires learning and mastering the content. It is more than just “getting a grade.”
- It helps you develop good habits for the future. Your entire life will be filled with challenges and choices; therefore, acting with integrity has to be practiced.
- Honest and trustworthy people are more likely to succeed in meeting their goals.

Penalties:

A student found to have engaged in academic dishonesty shall be subject to a grade penalty of 0 on assignments or tests and disciplinary penalties in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. Academic dishonesty includes cheating or copying the work of another student, plagiarism, and unauthorized communication between students during an examination. The determination that a student has engaged in academic dishonesty shall be based on the judgment of the classroom teacher or another supervising professional employee, taking into consideration written materials, observation, or information from students.

As Klein High Bears, it should be our mission to uphold the Klein 5 Core Value of Integrity, adhere to doing the right thing even when no one is watching, and produce quality work of which we can be proud.