

Dakota Hills Middle School – Academic Honor Code

Academic Honesty, Cheating and Plagiarism have serious academic, moral, and sometimes legal consequences

Academic Expectations on the Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI):

District 196 recognizes artificial intelligence (AI) as a powerful tool to enhance teaching and learning. We are committed to integrating AI into our learning and technology framework to enrich the educational experience, promote equity, and meet the diverse needs of our students and staff, all while upholding academic integrity. At **Dakota Hills Middle School**, the use of generative AI tools is governed by District 196's AI Guidance, which prioritizes ethical use, academic integrity (cheating), and transparency.

Key Definitions:

- **Academic Honesty:** Original work with proper credit to others.
- **Cheating:** Unfair academic advantage (e.g., copying, unauthorized materials).
- **Plagiarism:** Using others' ideas as your own, without credit, including Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Permitted Use:

- Students may use AI tools **only when explicitly authorized** by their teacher(s).
- AI should **support, not replace** student creativity.
- Students must cite AI use and be able to explain how it was used.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Prohibited Use:

- Copying AI-generated content without approval or citation is **plagiarism**.
- Entering personal information into AI tools is **strictly prohibited** to protect student privacy.

Student Role and Expectations:

- **Transparency:** Be honest about AI use and when in doubt, disclose that you have used AI.
- **Accuracy:** Verify AI content for its correctness and bias.
- **Privacy:** Do not share personal data for self or anyone else in AI tools.

Integrity Expectations:

- Teachers and Counselors: Teach citation and digital citizenship.
- Students: Avoid unauthorized help and plagiarism.
- Administrators: Support and track academic violations.
- Parents: Reinforce the policy at home.

Consequences for Misconduct (Cheating, AI use, etc.):

1. First Offense:
 - Teacher conference with student and parent notification
 - Redo assignment (potentially zero credit or reduced credit: teacher discretion)
2. Second Offense:
 - Teacher conference with student and parent notification
 - Redo assignment, no credit
 - Referral to administrator
3. Third Offense:
 - Teacher conference with student and parent notification
 - In-school suspension
 - Additional consequences

Teacher Course Syllabus Language for Artificial Intelligence (AI):

Students are responsible for ensuring that all work reflects their own thinking, learning, and creativity. If unsure, students should ask for clarification before using any AI tool. Students may not use artificial intelligence (AI) tools unless the teacher has given explicit permission and AI generated content is properly cited when applicable. Misuse of AI is a form of academic dishonesty and may result in consequences described above.