

Statement of Academic Dishonesty

Definition

At Hawthorne High School, we expect students to demonstrate their ability to problem solve, to be responsible citizens, to be intellectually curious, to be disciplined and self-directed, and to be effective communicators. Therefore, it is necessary that Cougars demonstrate academic honesty by presenting ideas in papers, projects and/or presentations that are wholly comprised of their own words and thoughts and by abstaining from dishonest behavior.

Examples of Dishonest Behavior

Plagiarism:

1. Copying homework from another student, or enabling someone else to do so.
2. Using someone else's words (whether a classmate's, parent's, and/or published author's) in a paper without using quotation marks. Whenever you use a key word or more than two words in a row from another source, you must place those borrowed words in quotation marks and cite your source following the MLA guidelines.
3. Using someone else's ideas (whether a classmate's, parent's, and/or published author's) in a paper without giving credit.

Other Dishonest Behavior:

1. Looking at another student's paper during a test or quiz.
2. Giving another student answers during a test or quiz.
3. Using "cheat sheets" or writing answers on hands, notebooks, desks, etc.

Distinction between Honest and Dishonest Collaboration

You are encouraged to work with your classmates on regular assignments. In fact, sometimes you will be required to do so. It almost always helps to talk about assignments with other people, whether parents, peers, tutors, or teachers. When it comes to putting words on paper, however, **THE WORDS YOU WRITE MUST BE YOUR OWN**. Unless the teacher gives explicit instructions for an assignment to be written collaboratively, assume that - even if you work on it with a friend - you must do the actual writing by yourself. If you are in doubt about what the expectations are for a given assignment, ask your teacher – that is the honest thing to do.

Consequence for Dishonest Behavior

All incidents of academic dishonesty will result in failure/zero of the assignment and a referral to the administration and/or parent notification. Note that in cases of major assignments (for example, the research paper) a zero will result in failure for the term.



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