

Academic Integrity/Cheating

**Purpose:** To have a common set of procedures in the case of cheating.

**Definition:** Cheating is the act of gaining an unfair advantage, or misrepresenting one's knowledge. It includes, but is not limited to:

1. Wrongfully using or taking the ideas or work of another. For example:
  - a) Giving or receiving unauthorized aid from another person on assignments, papers, quizzes, tests, or examinations.
  - b) Getting advance information about quizzes, tests, or examinations.
2. Using or consulting unauthorized materials or using unauthorized devices on papers, quizzes, tests or examinations.
3. Intentionally misrepresenting the need for extra time on any assignments, papers, quizzes, tests or examinations, in order to gain more information.
4. Choosing to be absent on the due date of a paper, project, quiz, or test.
5. Lying about any of the above.

**Procedure:** In cases of suspected cheating, a conference between a student's parents/guardians and the teacher, will be required. Depending on the results of this conference, the following actions will be taken:

1. A satisfactory explanation is given and the situation is resolved.
2. A satisfactory explanation is not given, identified sources are unavailable; all parties receive a zero for the assignment. The opportunity is given to rewrite and resubmit the assignment with a 10% reduction in the grade for the violation in addition to any late penalty imposed by the teacher.
3. There is unquestioned cheating. This will result in a zero for the assignment with no opportunity to resubmit.
4. Any repeated instance of cheating in the same class will result in a zero for the class and/or possible removal from the class.
5. Instances of cheating in separate classes will lead to disciplinary actions at the discretion of the principal.

**All instances of cheating must be reported in the student's discipline file.**

**Sources:**

IDLA Student Handbook  
IDLA Site Coordinators Handbook  
Wikipedia  
East Chapel Hill High School Student Handbook.

Policy History:

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