



Commitment to Academic Honesty



The Irvine Unified School Board affirms its policy that **honest behavior is a responsibility shared by the school and the home, and that academic dishonesty is to be abhorred in all its forms.** In the absence of academic honesty, it is impossible to assess student learning and assign accurate grades and to ensure that honest students are not at a competitive disadvantage. The Board expects that classroom practices will reward honest behavior, discourage dishonest behavior, reflect reasonable preventative measures, and protect the rights of the majority of students who are consistently honest. The staffs of Creekside High School will require the highest standard for academic honesty.

http://www.iusd.org/board_of_education/board_policy/policies/6010.htm

PARENT COMMITMENT

- ✓ Dialogue with family members about academic honesty including cheating, plagiarism, etc.
- ✓ State clear expectations regarding conformance to academic honesty policy
- ✓ Help and encourage students with school-work, but never do it for them
- ✓ Notify instructors regarding concerns about classroom honesty
- ✓ Read and understand your school's academic honesty policy

STUDENT COMMITMENT

- ✓ Do own work unless otherwise directed by teacher
- ✓ Complete each daily homework assignment with a focus on what is to be learned
- ✓ Refrain from acts of academic dishonesty
- ✓ Do not take credit for work done by anyone else
- ✓ Refuse to aid any form of academic dishonesty
- ✓ Read, understand, your school's academic honesty policy

TEACHER COMMITMENT

- ✓ Routinely, regularly reinforce verbally the academic honesty expectations with students
- ✓ Set clear academic honesty expectations for various types of homework assignments
- ✓ Establish an environment that promotes academic honesty during testing
- ✓ Enforce district and school academic honesty policies
- ✓ Promote and model ethical values
- ✓ Make assignments that provide necessary practice for valuable learning

CONSEQUENCES for infractions may include a failing mark in the assignment, a failing mark in the course, forwarding the information to colleges, and/or refusal to write college recommendations.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

CHEATING is the use of another's notes, documents or answers during tests, or the copying of one student's completed assignments or answers by another; or allowing another to do the same. Giving or receiving limited help in trouble-shooting a part of an assignment is not normally considered cheating. However, allowing another student to write any part of an assignment, copying another's file or assignment, and excessive collaboration on assignments, i.e., working on an assignment "together" or having your friend "help" you write any part of an assignment are all considered cheating (unless specifically approved otherwise). The student providing such assistance is considered to be cheating as well. Never allow another student to look at your assignment nor to borrow your electronic file.

PLAGIARISM is the use of another's words, ideas, or creative productions without assigning credit to the original source.

To plagiarize is to take ideas or words of another person and pass them off as one's own. In short, it is stealing something intangible rather than an object. Obviously, it is not necessary to state the source of well-known or easily verifiable facts. But students are expected to acknowledge the sources of ideas and expressions they use in their written work, whether those expressions are quoted directly or paraphrased. This applies to diagrams, statistical tables, and the like, as well as to written material. To provide adequate documentation is not only an indication of academic honesty, but also a courtesy, which enables the reader to consult your sources with ease. Failure to do so constitutes plagiarism. It will also be considered plagiarism and/or cheating if a student submits a paper written in whole or in part by someone other than himself or herself, or copies the answer or answers of another student in any test, examination or take-home assignment.

COLLABORATION is a strategy for working together in continuing, intertwining, over-lapping efforts while maintaining a shared conception of the problem.

COOPERATION is a strategy for completing a project where each person in the group is responsible for a designated portion of the work required to reach a specific goal.