

## Cheating Policy

Cheating, Academic Dishonesty, and Plagiarism are defined in the Winchester High School Student Handbook as:

“Any attempt to get a grade on a test or assignment by using another person's work is academic dishonesty or cheating. Students who are detected using cheat sheets or plagiarizing (copying from other students or from published materials/submitting another person's work as though it were their own) will receive a Saturday Detention and a zero for that assignment. Any second occurrence may result in further discipline as determined by administration. Students who allow others to copy their work are also subject to disciplinary action and/or loss of grades for the assignments that they allow others to copy.”

For the purposes of our class, I also add the following to the above definition:

Cheating is any representation and/or submission of work that is not your own work when your assignment, project, or test is expected to be completely your own work.

However, group or partner work by its definition is going to be done collectively and includes shared knowledge.

- Even so, students are still expected to do work that is uniquely their own.
- Therefore, even if you are doing group or partner work, it does not become an excuse to copy an answer from the internet!

Unless I tell you otherwise, individual work is expected to be done **ON YOUR OWN AND IN YOUR OWN WORDS!**

Cheating is a serious offense in our class. One of the fundamental purposes of school is to learn and do your own work. By doing your own work **ALL THE TIME**, you can see how well you are doing and I can make an informed decision on how well you know the material.

Examples of cheating include but might not be limited to:

1. Copying another student's homework assignment.
2. Copying information from a website.
3. Writing answers on the tables before a test.
4. Looking at your phone while taking a test.
5. Talking to another student during a test.
6. Working together (not just asking another student for help) when the assignment is meant to be completed individually.

Penalties for cheating can vary in this class. Depending on the severity of the offense, a student will endure at least one of the following penalties, and possibly more:

1. Receive a zero for the assignment.
2. Be sent to the office.
3. Serve an after-school detention with the teacher.
4. Serve a Saturday detention as per Winchester High School policy.

Cheating often involves more than one person. One student helping another to cheat will result in each student involved enduring at least one of the penalties for cheating.

This can include one student slipping his or her paper for another student to copy. Another example could be if I receive identical papers and/or answers in which there is no other reasonable explanation for them being identical and word-for-word other than that one was copied. In this case as well, both papers can expect to receive zeroes.

There will also be a note put in TeacherEase stating that the reason for the zero in the gradebook is because papers and/or answers were identical.