

Students

Academic Honesty

The Board of Trustees believes that academic honesty and personal integrity are fundamental components of a student's education and character development. The Board expects that students will not cheat, lie, plagiarize, or commit other acts of academic dishonesty. The experience of every student must reinforce the importance of each student being honest with himself/herself and with others. The behavior of each student must reflect good sense and an ability to discern right from wrong. The well being of the school community depends on the student accepting responsibility for personal conduct in both social and academic endeavors.

The District believes that promoting academic honesty is the responsibility of the total school community. Only when there is a commitment on the part of all concerned can a school's academic environment facilitate a healthy respect among students for the value of academic honesty. In such an environment, students will know that teachers will not ignore or condone cheating, plagiarism, or other acts of dishonesty. Students will also know that teachers, administrators, and parents will hold them accountable for any act of academic dishonesty. The value of such standards is that every student is encouraged to develop an attitude that academic success can be achieved as a result for the student's own efforts.

Students, parents/guardians, staff and administrators shall be responsible for creating and maintaining a positive school climate that encourages honesty. Students found to have committed an act of academic dishonesty shall be subject to District and school-site discipline rules.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

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