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### Academic Honesty

Academic honesty is the consistent act of submitting one's own work in an academic setting, without the use of any plagiarism. It means that all the work that is done is completely without cheating. The work of others should not be presented as one's own. The International Center for Academic Integrity defines academic integrity as "a commitment to five fundamental values: honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility". Forms of academic dishonesty can include copying assignments from other students, cheating during assessments, copying work without proper citation, or even using significant ideas from other sources without necessary citation.

Every student should be academically honest. Besides the obvious consequences, academic dishonesty leads to a loss of potential learning. Something that a student could have learned from a challenging assignment, that in turn, could have helped them with another assignment or assessment, is lost from the course experience. That student takes an easy way out and misses out on the potential information they could have used to enrich their educational experience. Even if they get a few participation points, they end up doing a little less well in the course overall because they missed the lesson that the assignment was trying to help them understand. Additionally, being academically honest helps build trust with not only the teacher, but with the student's peers as well. It gives the student a sense of reliability and maturity that other students may not have, and allows them to attract other peers who may share the same

values and can help one another achieve their goals. Being academically honest also helps others succeed. Refusing to contribute to any opportunities for academic dishonesty makes sure that the classmate is learning the material that they need to, which helps them and gives them a better experience with the work. It also prevents them from facing consequences due to academic dishonesty in the future, and can inspire them to work hard and manage their time to do their own work. Finally, academic honesty is important because it feels amazing to do the right thing. Submitting an essay that the student has worked hard on, handcrafting each sentence to perfection, feels more satisfying than turning in an essay that the student spent 10 minutes copying from someplace else. It delivers peace of mind, providing the reassurance that the student is working hard for everything they've earned, and the whole process of school feels much more rewarding in the end. Being academically honest and putting in the work you need to succeed is worth it in the end, even if it may feel exhausting during the process.

Some consequences of academic dishonesty can include disciplinary action like detention, Monday school, etc. or receiving a low score or a zero on the assignment/assessment. It can lead to a decline in the student's grade from the zero on the assignment, and on top of this, the grade will likely decline further because of the loss of learning that the student experienced while being academically dishonest in their work. Academic dishonesty can result in a lack of trust from the teacher, meaning that the student and teacher's relationship is not as positive as it could have been, and the teacher will be more likely to suspect the student of academic dishonesty in the future. This is never good because students should want their teacher's respect, and vice versa. When a student uses academic dishonesty, this trust is lost and the bond is

broken. Academic honesty is crucial to comprehensive learning and getting the most out of school.

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