

# Dakota High School

## Academic Integrity Policy

The Dakota High School faculty holds the principle of maintaining academic integrity as one of its most important values. To that end, it is important to define the concept of academic integrity and articulate what constitutes academic dishonesty (plagiarism and cheating, as presented in the Chippewa Valley Schools Secondary Schools Code of Conduct). When students sign their Code of Conduct acknowledgment card as part of the student registration process at the beginning of the school year, they agree to all of the terms and definitions herein.

### Defining Academic Integrity

Students are demonstrating academic integrity when they do their academic work honestly and ethically, and in particular:

- take full credit for their own work and give full credit to others who have helped them, or whose work they have incorporated into their own.
- represent their own work honestly and accurately.
- cooperate with other students on academic work only when specifically given permission to do so.
- properly report information regarding academic dishonesty.

### Defining Academic Dishonesty - Plagiarism and Cheating

*The behaviors listed below will be addressed in accordance with the Chippewa Valley Schools Secondary Schools Code of Conduct, which states: "Plagiarism and cheating are also forms of falsification and subject the student to academic penalties as well as disciplinary action. Violation of this rule could result in suspension or expulsion."*

**Plagiarism** - Presenting the work or ideas of another as one's own without proper acknowledgment of the source, or submitting academic work in whole, or in part, as one's own when such work has been prepared by another person or copied from another person.

**Copying** - Copying or attempting to copy the work of another student on an assessment or assignment, or allowing one's work to be copied.

**Use of Unauthorized Materials** - Using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, notes, study aids or other devices to complete academic work.

**Fabrication or Falsification** - Falsifying or fabricating any information or citation in any academic work or assessment. Falsification is the alteration of information, while fabrication is the invention or counterfeiting of information.

**Abuse of Academic Materials** - Destroying, defacing, stealing, or making inaccessible media center or other academic resource material.

**Falsifying Grade Reports** - Changing or destroying grades, scores or markings in official school records.

**Other** - Faculty members may prescribe and give students prior notice of additional standards of conduct for academic integrity in a particular course, and violation of any such standard shall constitute misconduct.

In addition, collaborating to commit academic dishonesty is a matter that may bring academic and/or disciplinary consequences. Collaborating to commit academic dishonesty is defined as helping or attempting to help another student to commit an act of academic dishonesty and/or engaging or attempting to engage the assistance of another individual in misrepresenting the academic performance of a student; or communicating information in an unauthorized manner to another person for a test, exam or other assessment.

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