



Policy 5131.9: Academic Honesty

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~~The Governing Board 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.~~

~~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.~~

~~The Superintendent or designee may establish a committee comprised of students, parents/guardians, staff, administrators, and members of the public to develop standards of academic honesty, measures of preventing dishonesty, and specific consequences for acts of dishonesty. Any recommendations for discipline shall be incorporated into the school's site level discipline rules.~~

~~**Prohibited and Permitted Technology Use**~~

~~As the district's standards for academic achievement are designed to challenge all students to reach their full potential in acquiring the knowledge and skills needed for success in postsecondary education, employment, and responsible citizenship, any use of technology that prevents or inhibits a student from achieving these standards is prohibited. Prohibited uses~~
The Board of Education believes that personal integrity is basic to all solid achievement. Students will reach their full potential only by being honest with themselves and with others.

The Board expects students to respect the educational purpose underlying all school activities. All students need to prove to themselves that they can do successful work as a result of their own efforts. The Board expects that students will not cheat, collude, or plagiarize.

The Board recognizes that students are more inclined to cheat, collude, or plagiarize when there is little likelihood of getting caught. Each school shall provide an environment that encourages honesty. Students must know that their teachers will not ignore or condone cheating, collusion, or plagiarism and that anyone discovered cheating, colluding, or plagiarizing will be penalized.

Definitions of Cheating, Collusion and Plagiarism

1. Cheating/Collusion

~~Cheating is the act of obtaining or attempting to obtain credit for academic work by using dishonest means. Cheating and collusion include, but are not limited to, using technology primarily or solely for the completion of coursework as a student's original work and generating answers to mathematical, scientific, or analytical problems.~~

~~Permitted uses of technology include, but are not limited to, conducting research, correcting grammar and spelling, and learning from educational applications such as tutoring systems and language learning applications.~~

~~Additionally, consistent with the limitations expressed in this policy and with teacher consent, students may also use technology to assist with assessments, homework, and/or makeup work or other uses approved by the teacher.~~

~~However, a student with a disability shall be permitted to use technology for any purpose identified in the student's individualized education program as a tool to support the student's learning.~~

~~If an employee suspects that a student has used technology in violation of this policy, the student shall be given the opportunity to demonstrate that the use of technology was in accordance with this policy.~~

~~Any information acquired from an employee's use of technology in determining whether a student has committed an act of academic dishonesty shall be shared with the student, and the student's parent/guardian as appropriate.~~

~~The Superintendent or designee may provide training to staff regarding the use of technology to improve education, including the detection of plagiarism and sensitivity to potential discrimination from algorithmic bias.~~

1. Copying, in part or whole, or otherwise acquired from another's examination, paper (including homework assignments), mathematical calculation(s), research, creative project or the like
2. Submitting as one's own work an examination, paper, mathematical calculation(s), research or creative project, or the like which has been purchased, borrowed, or stolen
3. Intentional falsification or invention of data or a source in an academic exercise
4. Using notes or materials not specifically authorized by the instructor during an examination
5. Any collaboration between a student and another person at times or in ways which are not permitted by the instructor

2. Plagiarism

Plagiarism is the act of obtaining or attempting to obtain credit for academic work by representing the work of another as one's own (including text found on the Internet) without the necessary and appropriate acknowledgment. Specifically, plagiarism is:

1. The act of incorporating the ideas, words of sentences, paragraphs, or parts thereof without appropriate acknowledgment and representing the product as one's own work
2. The act of representing another's intellectual or creative work such as musical composition, computer program, photograph, painting, drawing, sculpture, research, the like as one's own

Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the Governing Board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State

Description

Ed. Code 35291-35291.5

Rules

Ed. Code 56341.1

Assistive technology devices for a student with a disability

Federal

Description

20 USC 1401

Assistive technology device; definition

Management Resources

Description

Metropolitan Ed. Research Consortium Publication

Balancing the Benefits and Risks of AI Large Language Models in K12 Public Schools, 2023

USDOE Office of Educational Technology Publication

Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Teaching and Learning: Insights and Recommendations, May 2023

Website

Metropolitan Educational Research Consortium

Website

CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services

Cross References

Code

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