

Academic Honesty

In this class you will be asked to work collaboratively as well as individually; however, collaborating does not mean allowing someone else to do your work or allowing someone else to copy your work. Acceptable collaborating includes, for example, researching, analyzing documents and sharing data. Unacceptable collaborating includes sharing the narrative portions of a written assignment where I expect to find evidence of your individual thinking expressed in your own words. In no case is it acceptable to divide an assignment and trade answers. This is never the intent of collaboration.

Although G-3 and G-4 smart phones may be used to access material at the appropriate times, use of cell phones during testing is ALWAYS prohibited. In many colleges and universities, simply having possession of a cell phone during a test is considered academic dishonesty. As a rule, it is best to NOT use cell phones unless you have been told it is okay for the current activity. Cell phones may be valeted during tests and other class activities. If a cell phone is out during these times it will be confiscated and turned in to the office. Use of a cell phone during a test or individual assignment may result in an academic dishonesty referral.

If at any time, directions are unclear about the limits of acceptable collaboration, it is your responsibility to ask for clarification. If you find yourself unable at any time to verify what is acceptable collaboration on any assignment, then work individually.

When you work as a group member, you will sometimes produce one product together with your group. For other assignments, you may work with a partner or group, with each person completing his/her own paper. When you work individually, you must follow the guidelines of the district Academic Honesty Policy. Tests and major projects will ALWAYS be considered individual work.

An exception in which copying is not considered cheating is copying notebook entries and notes from videos or lectures/discussions for days that you were absent. It is NOT okay to copy someone else's notes if you were present in class and able to take notes for yourself.

Plagiarism is theft of someone else's academic property. If you use someone else's words or ideas in a paper you write, without citing the source, you are plagiarizing. Paraphrasing (using similar language) does not absolve you from the need to cite your source. If you are found to have plagiarized in any of the writing done in this class, the district Academic Honesty Policy will be followed. Below are excerpts from the Discipline Handbook.

All students have the right to keep confidential the materials, homework, test, and expressions that they create through their efforts.

Academic dishonesty is a deliberate attempt to disrupt the learning process by misrepresenting another's work as one's own. "Collaborative Work" still requires a final product in the student's own words.

Consequences:

Each infraction will be included in the student's discipline record.

First offense: zero for assignment or test, conference with parent and teacher, and a two year Academic Honesty Contract signed by student, parent and Administrator.

Second offense: student will be drop/failed from the class in which the second offense took place and be enrolled in study hall.

For additional examples of academic dishonesty see the Discipline Policies in the NPHS Agenda.

The goal of assignments and activities is to learn. Learning does not take place when short cuts (cheating) abridge the learning process. It cheats you and is unfair to others. Take advantage of opportunities to grow by producing your own work and insisting that others do their own work.