

## ACADEMIC HONESTY IN SCIENCE

Science is, by definition, a collaborative endeavor. Therefore, many of the assignments you hand in will be the products of working with other students. This is especially true of homework and lab reports. However, all work you hand in must be produced individually and represent your own personal comprehension. Simply rewording or paraphrasing another person's work is the same as copying verbatim. The Science Department will consider such work to be plagiarized.

**Quizzes, tests, and final exams:** Your signature on the test or exam certifies that you have neither given nor received aid for such assignments. This is true for in-class, take-home, and electronic quizzes and tests.

**Lab reports/post lab questions:** By putting your name on the lab report, you agree to the following statement. "I certify that the work that I have submitted in this lab report is entirely my own. While my lab group and I worked together to collect the data and may have discussed what conclusions could be drawn, I produced all of the work included here. All graphs, tables, and written explanations that were produced outside the lab were done on my own. I have provided a reference for any ideas or information that I got from another source."

**Homework:** When your teachers collect homework, they expect that the work on the paper is your own and represents your own comprehension. While it is acceptable to ask questions of another student for a homework assignment, simply copying another student's work is not only a waste of time, but is also plagiarism.

**Research papers:** Research papers require that you seek information from outside sources. You must cite your sources by using either footnotes or some other acceptable "references cited" method. Do not make the mistake of citing only direct quotes. You must cite references for information obtained from other sources even if you paraphrase or reword the information.

**Generative AI Tools:** The Lawrenceville School's current position on generative AI is that unless a student has clear and specific permission from their teacher to use AI tools in completing an assignment, using them will be considered a form of academic dishonesty (specifically, a form of contract cheating) that may result in both an academic and disciplinary response.

I have read the statements above and I understand that I am expected to abide by these expectations.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_