

ACADEMIC HONESTY LEADS

THINGS TO DO:

Set the scene:

The last time I took a science test I saw at least three people cheating. Two of them had their phones under their desks and one clearly had some notes that he kept pulling out of his sleeve.

Ask a rhetorical question. (Just make it a good one.)

Cheating, a profession taken up by several million students around the globe, but how much of a problem is the dishonest act taking place in every school in the U.S.?

Get interesting fast:

Is cheating a problem? That is the question at hand. But the one answer is yes. Because cheating is academically dishonest. Dishonesty is immoral. Immorality is the root of all evil and wrong-doing on this planet.

Begin with a quote. (if it is relevant)

“Cheaters never prosper, unless they get away with it.” (Anonymous).

WHAT NOT TO DO:

Do not start with your opinion:

I think we do have a problem with academic honesty here in Point Loma.

I think that cheating is an issue here at Point Loma High.

Do not lead with anger.

I believe that cheating should not be tolerated among people who are so young.

Do not lead with a statement you can't prove.

Academic dishonesty has risen in popularity among schools in the past decade or so.

Don't give away your position too early:

Academic dishonesty is a minor problem at Point Loma High School.