

CHS English Department - Cheating / Plagiarism Code of Conduct Policy and Repercussions

Students enrolled at Central High School are expected to demonstrate values of personal honor, academic integrity, and courtesy in all coursework and examinations. The English Department at CHS strives to honor these expectations, and we require all students to avoid any form of academic dishonesty or misconduct. In order to demonstrate compliance with these values, we found it necessary to outline our policy for academic integrity. In addition, we have also included our repercussions for students who violate this policy.

Academic Dishonesty

All CHS students must avoid every form of academic dishonesty and misconduct, including but not limited to plagiarism, sharing documents with other students, fabrication or falsification, use of any form of AI generated material, and any alternate means of communication that is not approved by administration. Students commit themselves to academic work of integrity, and that work must adhere to the standards listed in this policy.

“Plagiarism” is a form of intellectual theft that involves the unauthorized use of closely related words, ideas, or data as one’s own without providing proper credit through quotation or reference.

“Cheating” is a form of academic dishonesty in which a student deliberately attempts to give the appearance of knowledge or skill that they have not truly obtained. There are many forms of cheating, and examples include, but are not limited to the following:

- Copying another student’s work during coursework or examinations
- Allowing another student to copy from you during coursework or examinations
- Sharing any of your own work with another student via Google Docs, Email, Chat, Photos, etc
- Using unauthorized materials or resources on coursework or examinations
- Copy and pasting or retyping any information (including AI-generated text) that is not your own without reference
- Working as a group or collaborating without prior approval from the classroom supervisor

Student Conduct

Students must be respectful and courteous in interactions with instructors, staff, and other students at all times. It is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct to interact with others in a manner that is dishonest, profane, or disrespectful.

Disciplinary Action for Academic Dishonesty

First Offense: The student will receive a “0” on the assignment, but they will have an opportunity to redo the work for partial credit. The student will receive a verbal warning, but a note of the first offense will be made in order to have a record of the incident. The administration will be aware of the offense, and may seek additional punishment depending on the severity of the incident.

Second Offense: The student will receive a “0” on the assignment, and they will not have an opportunity to redo the work for the full amount of points. The student’s parents / guardians will be notified, and the student will receive an official behavior referral. Administration will conference with the student and parent, and they will assign ISS as a result of the incident. Administration may seek additional punishment depending on the severity of the incident. Mandatory Saturday School will be an additional option for administration.

Third Offense: The student will receive a “0” for the assignment, and will not have an opportunity to redo the work. Students will receive an official behavior referral, and will lose their credit for the course. Administration will assign OSS or Saturday School, or have the option of sending the student to the Alternative School Program. Administration will conference with the student and guardian, and they will determine the plan of action in order for the student to make up the lost credit in summer school.