

Academic Honesty Policy



Honest behavior is an expectation for all students in the San Dieguito Union High School District, especially those at Pacific Trails Middle School. The purpose of this regulation is to create and maintain an ethical academic atmosphere for our students. To help students understand what violates our honesty policy, defined acts are provided below.

Dishonesty Defined

Specific types of academic dishonesty which will not be tolerated are defined below:

Cheating on Tests

Any intentions of giving of or use of external assistance relating to an examination, test, or quiz without express permission of the teacher. This includes looking on another student's paper, sharing answers, or copying another student's paper.

Fabrication

Any intentional falsification (including use of AI) or invention of data citation, other authority in an academic exercise.

Unauthorized Collaboration

While collaboration is often encouraged, unauthorized collaboration is not permitted.

Plagiarism

Any intentional representation of another's ideas, words, or work as one's own. Plagiarism includes the misuse of published material, electronic material, and/or the work of other students. The original writer who intentionally shares his/her paper for another to copy, without the permission of the teacher, is also engaged in plagiarism.

Alteration of Materials

Any intentional and unauthorized alteration of student, teacher, or library materials.

Forgery

Any unauthorized signing of another person's name to school related documents.

Theft

Any theft of materials.

Transfer of Unauthorized Materials

Any giving or selling of unauthorized materials.

Potential Consequences

Any alleged violation of this policy will be investigated thoroughly and appropriate disciplinary measures will be taken consistent with our school board policy.

Depending on the severity of the offense one or more of the following consequences may occur:

- Referral to the assistant principal and parent/guardian will be contacted.
- Loss of all credit for the assignment or test with no make-up permitted.
- Placement on a behavior contract for the remainder of the school year.
- Violation on a school administered national or state examination will result in a district code of conduct violation (suspension)
- Dropped from the class with no credit.
- Referral to the Intervention Team for supportive purposes
- Removal from all elected or appointed leadership positions for the remainder of the school year, including athletic positions
- Suspension from school