

**Academic Honesty Policy**

All schoolwork submitted for the purpose of meeting course requirements must represent the efforts of the individual student. Any form of academic dishonesty is prohibited. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to plagiarism, cheating, forgery, copying or stealing another person's work, allowing another person to copy one's own work, doing another person's class work, creating more than one copy of one's work for distribution, intentionally accessing another's material for the purpose of using it as one's own, downloading information from other sources and presenting it as one's own, unauthorized copying of software, unauthorized use of hard copy or software to develop one's own software. Faculty and building administrators will be responsible for monitoring the above actions.

Where appropriate, parents shall be contacted as soon as practicable to report any alleged academic dishonesty on the part of students. Teachers are granted authority, with the direction and advice of their principals, to exercise their good judgment in applying a range of academic consequences for violations of this policy. Student and parent appeals of any consequences resulting from violations of this policy should be addressed to building administrator(s).

All teachers, beginning especially at the elementary grades, will educate students as to what constitutes academic dishonesty and what is acceptable and unacceptable behavior in our schools. A copy of the Academic Honesty Policy shall be included in student handbooks and shall be distributed to parents via district publications at least annually.

**Cheating**

Cheating includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Copying or attempting to copy another student's homework, quiz, test, essay, or lab report;
2. Cheating on tests through such means as cheat sheets, use of unauthorized electronic devices, and discussion of test information with other students;
3. Obtaining test questions and/or copies of tests outside the classroom test setting;
4. Lending and/or copying from another student's work (homework, tests, projects, assignments);
5. Altering or interfering with grading (forging signatures, changing or inserting answers on work after grading);
6. Allowing another student to copy answers during a test situation;
7. Collaborating with other students on an assignment in direct violation of a teacher's instructions;
8. Using books and electronic information in generating an assignment in direct violation of teacher's instructions;
9. Accessing, taking, and benefiting from copies of tests and quizzes previously used or to be used by teachers unless provided as study guides by the teacher; and
10. Submitting work previously presented in this course or in another course.

## Plagiarism

Plagiarism is defined as and includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Copying material from the source, including internet sources, without citing the source, or citing the source but omitting quotation marks;
2. Paraphrasing the source without proper citation;
3. Copying stories, in whole or part, which appear in books, magazines, television, or film;
4. Copying directly, without making any changes, alterations, or adaptations from a drawing, painting, illustration, photographic image, or graphic symbol without citing the source;
5. Submitting papers written in whole or part by someone else, including internet sources;
6. Submitting papers on which the student has received substantial assistance from peers and/or adults that dramatically changes the character of the work so that it is no longer the student's own; and
7. Submitting a paper purchased from a research or term paper service, including, but not limited to internet sources.

### Consequences for Academic Dishonesty

Violation	Procedure	Consequence
1 <sup>st</sup> Referral	The teacher reports the academic dishonesty to the principal. The principal, teacher, parents, and student will meet. NHS* notification, if applicable.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The student will receive a zero for the fraudulent work.</li></ul>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Referral	The teacher reports the academic dishonesty to the principal. The principal, teacher, parents, and student will meet. NHS* notification, if applicable.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The student will receive a zero for the fraudulent work.</li><li>• The student will receive a one-day in-school suspension.</li><li>• A letter will be placed in the student's academic file, detailing the offense.</li></ul>

3 <sup>rd</sup> Referral	The teacher reports the academic dishonesty to the principal. The principal, teacher, parents, and student will meet. NHS* notification, if applicable.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The student will receive a zero for the fraudulent work.</li> <li>• A letter will be placed in the student's academic file, detailing the offense.</li> <li>• The student will be referred to the school board for possible expulsion.</li> <li>• If the student is allowed to continue attending school, he/she must sign a contract for behavior that pledges academic honesty and integrity.</li> </ul>
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\*National Honor Society

### **Appeals**

Student and parent appeals of any consequences resulting from violations of this policy shall first be addressed to building administrator(s). The second appeal shall be addressed to the school superintendent. The third appeal shall be addressed to the school board.

### **Notification of Policy**

Garden Valley School District's Academic Honesty Policy is posted in its entirety on the school's website at [www.gvdsd.net](http://www.gvdsd.net). An abridged copy of the Academic Honesty Policy is included in the student handbook.

### Policy History

Adopted on: 12-13-2011

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