

# MODESTO CITY SCHOOLS

## Board Policy

BP 5131.9

### STUDENTS

#### Academic Honesty

The Governing Board believes that academic honesty and personal integrity are fundamental components of a student's education and character development. The Board expects that students will not cheat, lie, plagiarize or commit other acts of academic dishonesty.

*(cf. 5131 - Conduct) (N/A)*  
*(cf. 6162.6 - Use of Copyrighted Materials)*

Students, parents/guardians, staff and administrators shall be responsible for creating and maintaining a positive school climate that encourages honesty. Students found to have committed an act of academic dishonesty shall be subject to district and school-site discipline rules.

*(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate) (N/A)*  
*(cf. 5144 - Discipline) (N/A)*

The Superintendent or designee may establish a committee comprised of students, parents/guardians, staff, administrators and members of the public to develop standards of academic honesty, measures of preventing dishonesty, and specific consequences for acts of dishonesty. Any recommendations for discipline shall be incorporated into the school's site level discipline rules.

*(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committee)*

Legal Reference:  
EDUCATION CODE  
35291-35291.5 Rules

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