

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

The North Middle School Community seeks to create an environment that nurtures individual effort and provides opportunities for all students to achieve to the best of their ability. We value and reward independent achievement and progress. Students are expected to demonstrate their understanding to the best of their individual ability. They will take their own assessments, complete their own homework/projects, and gather information for their own research. While collaboration and group work are an integral part of the learning process, student's individual contributions remain a key component. Cheating and/or plagiarizing devalue each student's achievements and personal integrity.

The following examples of cheating and plagiarizing as well as the consequences of this behavior reflect the need for academic integrity at North Middle School. They were collaboratively developed by administration, staff, and students.

Examples of Cheating/Plagiarizing

- I. Testing:
 - *Looking at/allowing someone to view tests
 - *Writing answers on yourself
 - *Having answers within view during a test/quiz
 - *Communicating during tests, quizzes, or other assessments
 - *Using electronic devices besides those allowed for the test/assessment
- II. Homework:
 - *Copying/sharing homework
 - *Turning in someone else's homework
 - *Letting your partner or group do all the work
 - *Letting parents, guardians, relatives, tutors do your homework/projects
- III. Projects/Research:
 - *Hiring someone to write a paper
 - *Writing a paper for someone else
 - *Buying or selling a paper/project
 - *Sharing files
 - *Using internet translation sites to translate entire foreign language documents
 - *Copying/Pasting from a website or book

Collaboratively Developed Consequences for Testing/Plagiarizing

- I. Possible reduced grade, failing grade, or the grade of zero, (0)
- II. Re-take test/re-do assignment within a reasonable amount of time (Student may sit for a make-up outside of the normal class time)
- III. Counsel student on proper test/assignment behaviors
- IV. Parent Notification
- V. Detention
- VI. The Department Head will record the incident on the "Behavior" section of Infinite Campus.

****Please Note: The North Middle School may use discretion when issuing additional consequences.**

Please have your child return both the student and parent statements below, which will be kept on file.

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Student Statement:

Cheating/Plagiarism in any form is unacceptable at Great Neck North Middle School. I have read the information on Academic Integrity and the consequences, and I will adhere to the Great Neck North Middle School Academic Integrity Guidelines.

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Parent Statement:

Plagiarism/Cheating in any form is unacceptable at Great Neck North Middle School. I have read the information on Academic Integrity and Consequences for infractions, and I will support the school's Academic Integrity Guidelines.

PARENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

