

Riverside High School 's

Academic Honesty Policy

As our mission states, Riverside High School welcomes, engages, exposes, and empowers a diverse community of learners to foster critical thinking and prepare students for lifelong learning and engaged global citizenship. In order to fulfill this mission, we must instill academic integrity in our students.

The staff at Riverside High School expects students to exemplify honor, take responsibility for their actions, and maintain an environment of academic integrity.

"I would prefer even to fail with honor than win by cheating."

-Sophocles

Definitions of Violations:

Cheating: act dishonestly or unfairly in order to gain an advantage, especially in a game or examination.

Example: Copying another student's work, sharing work on assignments, discussing assessment information, using technology on assignments and assessments without teacher authorization or approval.

Falsification: Making up information/data or a citation in any academic exercise

Example: Making up a source to use as a citation in an assignment

Plagiarism: The practice of taking someone else's work or ideas and submitting them as one's own.

Example: Copying or paraphrasing an excerpt from the Internet or any other resource without citing the source, failing to attempt to cite sources

Lying: Willful and knowledgeable telling of an untruth or falsehood as well as any form of deceit, attempted deception, or fraud in an oral or written statement.

Example: Lying or failing to give complete information to a teacher, feigning illness to gain extra preparation time for assignments and assessments.

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Consequences:

First Offense:

- Zero given on assignment
- Parent Contact is made by the teacher
- Minor Referral documenting violation
- Referral to National Honor Society Disciplinary Committee

Second Offense:

- Zero given on the assignment
- Parent contact is made by the teacher
- Major Referral is submitted to administrator, 1 day RPC
- Referral to National Honor Society Disciplinary Committee

Third Offense (or subsequent):

- Zero given on the assignment
- Parent contact is made by the teacher
- Major Referral is submitted to administrator, 3 days RPC
- Referral to National Honor Society Disciplinary Committee
- Counselor notified (counselor may document on recommendation letters and/or notify colleges/universities)

Student:

I have read thoroughly and understand Riverside High School's Academic Honesty Policy and understand the consequences if I do not abide by the policy. I promise to abide by this policy.

Student _____ Signature _____ Date _____
(Please print.)

Parent:

I have read through Riverside High School's Academic Honesty Policy and understand the consequences if my student does not abide by the policy.

Parent _____ Signature _____ Date _____
(Please print.)

Please return to issuing teacher.

Parts of this policy are adapted from University of Maryland's Code of Academic Integrity (instituted 1990-91), Marriott Ridge High School's Honor Code, Eastview High School's Academic Honesty and Integrity Responsibilities, the Centennial High School Honor Code, Langley Honor Code, and Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of Basic English.