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PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING POLICY

Secondary 4 and 5 students who are caught cheating or plagiarizing are ineligible for awards and scholarships in their graduating year. Students of all levels should be taught the importance of honesty and integrity in fulfilling their course requirements. They should also be instructed in proper search techniques, as well as appropriate referencing of work through citations of sources and bibliographies. Finally, they should know the consequences of dishonesty or misrepresentation starting in Cycle 1.

The plagiarism and cheating policy should be reviewed in **all classes**. It should be made clear that cheating and plagiarism implicate both the lender and the copier.

Plagiarism:

- copying the work of another student and representing it as one's own
- copying the text of published material without direct quotations and/or without appropriate referencing
- copying from on-line sources
- handing in assignments that are the work of a friend, peer, or family member
- copying assignments or parts of assignments available on web sites like freepapers.com

Cheating:

- looking at and/or copying another student's test answers
- using notes or materials that are not permitted on a test
- using an illicitly obtained answer key
- giving one's work to another student
- text-messaging, on-line chatting, and e-mailing information during tests and for assignments
- stealing or attempting to steal an examination





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CONSEQUENCES

A referral to Student Services may be recommended at any point to see if plagiarism or cheating might be a symptom of a larger issue or personal problem.

First offense: Teacher meets with vice-principal to discuss incident
A mark of zero for the test/assignment
Phone call home/parents notified
Second chance to do a test (Sec. 1, 2, 3 only) or complete
 an assignment (Sec. 1 – 5) for a mark that is the average of zero and the second mark,
 to be done in an after-school detention
Name submitted to Mr MacLEAN and the Awards
 Committee (Sec. 4 & 5) with written report and
 evidence of plagiarism/cheating
File opened at office to track any further incidence of
 cheating or plagiarism

Second offense: Teacher meets with vice-principal to discuss incident
A mark of zero for the test/assignment
Phone call home and meeting of parent, teacher, and
 administrator
No second chance to complete an assignment for a
 mark that is the average of zero and the second
 mark
No second chance for tests
Two after-school detentions during which student will
 redo work in question to meet teacher's
 requirements satisfactorily, followed by an oral
 validation
File updated at the office and for the Awards
 Committee

Third offense: Teacher meets with vice-principal to discuss incident
Saturday detention during which student will redo work
 to meet teacher's expectations satisfactorily,
 followed by oral interview with teacher the
 following week
Loss of privileges to attend school activities (carnival,
 field trips, sports, etc.) and extracurricular events for a month
File updated

After third offense: Discussion with vice-principal
Two Saturday detentions with work redone as
 previously described
Loss of all privileges (school activities and
 extracurricular events) for a determined amount of time
File updated

