

Watkins Mill IB MYP Partnership

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ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY

The Watkins Mill Cluster highly values academic integrity and does not permit any form of dishonesty or deception that unfairly, improperly or illegally enhances a grade on an individual assignment, assessment or a course grade.

Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to:

Cheating on Assessment and Assignments

1. Copying from others or allowing other to copy from you
2. Having or using notes, formulas, or other information in a programmable calculator or other electronic device without explicit teacher review and permission
3. Having or using a communication device such as a cell phone or electronic translator to send or obtain unauthorized information
4. Taking an assessment for another student, or permitting someone else to take an assessment for you
5. Providing or receiving information about all or part of an assessment, including answers (e.g., telling someone in a subsequent period what was on the exam, or being provided this information)
6. Having or using a "cheat sheet" (a piece of paper with answers, formulas, information, or notes of any kind) that is not specifically authorized by the teacher
7. Working collaboratively on a take-home assessment or graded assignment unless specifically authorized by the teacher
8. Gaining or providing unauthorized access to assessment materials
9. Asking another to give you improper assistance, including offering money or other benefits
10. Asking for or accepting money or any other benefit in return for giving improper information
11. Falsifying data for an experiment or survey

Plagiarism in papers and Assignments

1. Giving assistance on an assignment meant to be individual work
2. Obtaining assistance from a parent or another person on an assignment meant to be individual work
3. Including in any assignments turned in for credit any materials not based on your own research and writing. This includes:
 - a. using the services of a commercial term paper company
 - b. using the services of another student
 - c. copying part or all of another person's paper and submitting it as your own
 - d. stealing another student's work and submitting it as your own
4. Acting as a provider of paper(s) for a student or students
5. Knowingly failing to use quotation marks where appropriate
6. Failing to attempt to properly cite sources either internally and/or externally through textual attribution, parenthetical citations, footnotes, endnotes, a works cited page, and/or a bibliography.
7. Citing nonexistent sources (e.g., falsifying titles of articles, books, etc.)

The aforementioned list of behaviors constitutes academic dishonesty. We are aware, however, that new forms of cheating, plagiarism and other forms of dishonesty may arise and therefore, we expect every student to interpret the requirement of academic honesty and integrity broadly and in good faith. If you have any doubt as to whether a particular act constitutes academic dishonesty ask a teacher before you submit an assignment.

Other violations of the Academic Honesty Policy may include the following:

1. Misrepresenting academic accomplishments, such as tampering with computer records.
2. Forging a signature.

Possession of any prohibited or unauthorized information or device, whether or not it is actually used, during an exam is an act of academic dishonesty. Any student attempting to deceive an instructor through academic dishonesty, even unsuccessfully, will face disciplinary action for academic dishonesty.

This policy is guided by the MYP fundamental concepts as a means to provide students with the values and opportunities that will enable them to develop sound judgment.

Sources

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