

Academic Integrity Policy



North High School expects all students to abide by ethical academic standards. Academic dishonesty—including plagiarism, cheating or copying the work of another, using technology for illicit purposes, or any unauthorized communication between students for the purpose of gaining advantage during an examination—is strictly prohibited. North’s Academic Integrity Policy covers all school-related tests, quizzes, reports, class assignments, and projects, both in and out of class. The purpose of North’s Academic Integrity Policy is to ensure students understand that the theft of another’s words, ideas, or intellectual property has real-world consequences, and to ensure students are held accountable for authentic production of academic work and intellectual integrity.

Plagiarism is not the same as cooperation or collaboration. Teachers often expect and encourage students to work on assignments collectively. This is okay, as long as the work being presented is clearly and accurately represented as a collective effort.

Collaboration is to work together (with permission) in a joint intellectual effort.

Plagiarism is to commit literary theft; to steal the words or ideas from someone else and pass them off as your own words or ideas. When you use someone else’s words, you must put quotation marks around them and give the writer or speaker credit by citing the source. Even if you revise or paraphrase the words of someone else, if you use someone else’s ideas, you must give the author credit. Some Internet users believe that anything available online is public domain. Such is not the case. Ideas belong to those who create and articulate them. To use someone else’s words or ideas without giving credit to the originator is stealing.

Cheating includes, but is not limited to, copying or giving an assignment to a student to be copied (unless explicitly permitted by the teacher). Cheating also includes using, supplying, or otherwise communicating unauthorized materials during an exam or project, or with the purpose of dishonest completion of an exam or project.

Forgery or stealing includes, but is not limited to, gaining unauthorized access to exams or answers to an exam, altering computer or grade-book records, or forging signatures for the purpose of academic advantage.

The determination that a student has engaged in academic dishonesty shall be based on specific evidence provided by the classroom teacher or other supervising professional employee, taking into consideration written materials, electronic footprint, observation, or information from others.

Students found to have engaged in academic dishonesty shall be subject to disciplinary and academic penalties. The range of possible consequences is outlined below, and will first be addressed by the classroom teacher with support from the academic counselor when needed; however, school administration reserves the right to handle each incident of plagiarism uniquely, using their professional discretion.

	Homework/Classwork	Quiz/Test/Essay/Project
9th	No credit, call home, opportunity to re-do for half-credit	No credit, call home, meeting with counselor and admin, Saturday School, opportunity to re-do with 25% loss of credit from final grade Note of academic dishonesty included in student's academic record
10th*	No credit, call home, must re-do for practice/learning but no credit will be issued	No credit, call home, meeting with counselor and admin, Saturday School, opportunity to re-do with 35% loss of credit from final grade Note of academic dishonesty included in student's academic record
11th*	No credit, call home, must re-do for practice/learning but no credit will be issued	No credit, call home, meeting with counselor and admin, Saturday School, opportunity to re-do with 50% loss of credit from final grade Note of academic dishonesty included in student's academic record
12th*	No credit, call home, must re-do for practice/learning but no credit will be issued	No credit, call home, meeting with counselor and admin, Saturday School, no opportunity to re-do assignment for credit, but must re-do assignment to demonstrate mastery for competency purposes; graduation-walking privileges revoked until assignment has been re-done Note of academic dishonesty included in student's academic record

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	Process	Product
9th	No credit, call home, opportunity to re-do for half-credit	No credit, teacher call home, student meeting with counselor and admin, opportunity to re-do with 25% loss of credit from final grade Note of academic dishonesty included in student's academic record
10th*	No credit, call home, must re-do for practice/learning but no credit will be issued	No credit, teacher call home, student meeting with counselor and admin, opportunity to re-do with 35% loss of credit from final grade. Note of academic dishonesty included in student's academic record
11th*	No credit, call home, must re-do for practice/learning but no credit will be issued	No credit, teacher call home, student meeting with counselor and admin, opportunity to re-do with 50% loss of credit from final grade. Note of academic dishonesty included in student's academic record
12th*	No credit, call home, must re-do for practice/learning but no credit will be issued	No credit, teacher call home, student meeting with counselor and admin Potential opportunity to redo with a maximum credit of 50 %- administrator's decision Note of academic dishonesty included in student's academic record

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