

Our goal at WHS is the intellectual education of all students and the creation of an environment that promotes the fundamental traits of character considered important in our society. These traits include honesty, compassion, courage, perseverance, commitment, and responsibility.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

A responsible 21st century citizen is one who demonstrates and values the importance of ethical behavior. At WHS, our learning community requires students to take responsibility for their own personal conduct in both social and academic endeavors. In this regard, students must attend WHS ready to learn and in their learning demonstrate the ability to use moral awareness, integrity and perseverance. Academic honesty requires that students produce work that is their own. Dishonesty undermines the learning process and subverts the trust essential in student-teacher relationships. Students who seek a dishonest advantage over their fellow students are pursuing a course that is destructive to themselves, to their peers, and to society.

Academic honesty in the classroom means that all students do their own work on assignments, homework, and examinations. The work completed by students is used to determine the grades given in courses. Unauthorized assistance from other students or student aides also is considered a violation of the Academic Honesty Policy.

It shall be the judgment and responsibility of teachers to determine whether an academic dishonesty violation has occurred. Students in violation of the policy will be subject to the following consequences:

EXAMPLES OF VIOLATIONS INCLUDE (but are not-limited to):

1. A student looks on another student's paper or talks during an examination.
2. A student helps another student cheat on an examination, assignment or project.
3. A student uses unauthorized materials (notes, electronic devices, etc.) during an examination or on a paper/project.
4. A student furnishes either the contents of an examination or an actual exam from an earlier class period to students taking the exam later.
5. A student copies another student's homework.
6. A student turns in another person's work as his/her own (copying from another student, document or internet source).
7. A student conspires to cheat or help other students to cheat on an examination, assignment or project.
8. A student cheats on an examination by pre-conceived acts, such as stealing an examination.
9. A student makes changes on graded work, a grade sheet or any school record.

First Offense in any class:*

- Student referred to assistant principal by teacher and teacher contacts parents
- Student receives "0" on assignment
- Recorded on discipline file.
- Student and Parent sign Academic Honesty Policy

Second Offense in any class:

- Student referred to assistant principal by teacher and teacher contacts parents
- Student receives "0" on assignment
- Recorded on discipline file (second offense)
- Student will be required to complete Academic Honesty 1 assignment. Student returns assignment within 1 week of offense.

Third (or More) Offense in any class:

- Student referred to assistant principal by teacher and teacher contacts parents
- Student dropped from class with "F"
- Student completes Academic Honesty 2 assignment. Student returns assignment within 1 week of offense.
- Pending investigation or nature of offense, further consequences may be issued.

***In some instances, due to the severity of the academic honesty infraction, the first offense may result in the student being dropped from the class with an F, potential suspension and/or a potential recommendation for expulsion**