

# Academic Integrity



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TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 211

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE



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## ***Why this brochure?***

Tremendous expectations are placed on students to achieve and be successful. By the time students reach high school, they are keenly aware of competition among their peers. In addition to heavy class schedules, many students obtain jobs, get involved in sports, or participate in after-school activities. This involvement may limit the time students have to spend on homework, class projects, or test preparation. Students searching for shortcuts may give in to the temptation of cheating or deception. Others maintain their academic integrity or honesty.

## ***What is Academic Integrity?***

Academic integrity or honesty refers to the proper decisions students should make when faced with the opportunities to cheat, copy, or represent the work of others as their own.

## ***What are the benefits of Academic Honesty?***

- ▶ It teaches students to manage, prioritize, and organize tasks efficiently.

- ▶ It provides knowledge and skills that cannot be gained through cheating.
- ▶ It promotes self-confidence, self-esteem, and pride.
- ▶ It promotes life-long ethics.
- ▶ It instills a sense of accomplishment.

## ***What is High School District 211's policy on Academic Dishonesty?***

Academic dishonesty refers to cheating, copying, plagiarizing, or otherwise representing the work of others as one's own through verbal, written, graphic, electronic, or other means. Forms of academic dishonesty include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ▶ looking at another student's answers, or using a "cheat-sheet" during a test; or, providing other students with the means to copy answers;
- ▶ downloading material verbatim from an on-line source and representing it as one's own without citing sources or crediting the author;
- ▶ copying in any form another person's computer program or software file and representing it as one's own;

- ▶ submitting work received through purchase or transfer as one's own;
- ▶ copying text in any form from a source, without proper citation, and submitting as one's own;
- ▶ altering by any means, or attempting to alter, course grades, test grades, rank in class, grade point averages, credits earned, or other confidential information about oneself or others;
- ▶ acquiring and/or distributing tests, answers to tests, answer keys, class projects, research papers, reports, or school-owned materials through verbal, written, graphic, electronic, or other means for the purpose of giving unfair advantage to oneself or others.

Students determined to have been academically dishonest are subject to disciplinary action. Depending on the severity of the offense, the number of offenses, the impact on other students and teachers and/or on the curriculum, students may lose credit for a project or test, lose class or course credit, be suspended pending a parent conference, or be recommended for expulsion.

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## ***How do I know if something is Academically Dishonest?***

- ▶ If it gives you or others an unfair advantage.
- ▶ If it is something your teacher would not be likely to approve and your school would not encourage as a proper, valid, or acceptable method of learning.
- ▶ If it is not how most students would accomplish the same task.

## ***Whom can I call if I have further questions about Academic Integrity?***

Contact your counselor, teacher, or principal who will answer your questions or address your concerns.

## ***For more information ...***

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