

EISENHOWER ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY

One of the goals of Eisenhower Middle School is to maintain high expectations for our students. Part of this expectation is that all students will model academic integrity. As needed, students are encouraged to request additional assistance or question for clarification as needed from all faculty/staff members. Our Academic Honesty Policy recognizes that there are times that it is appropriate for students to engage in cooperative learning and to work on assignments together. It is important that students understand when this kind of collaboration has the approval of the teacher. Cheating is not considered an automatic discipline referral. According to the NEISD Secondary Grading and Reporting Guidelines:

Students found to have engaged in academic dishonesty shall be subject to grade penalties on assignments or tests and disciplinary penalties in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. Academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to cheating or copying the work of another student, plagiarism and unauthorized communication between students during an examination or outside of class with students who have not yet tested or turned in work. The determination that a student has engaged in academic dishonesty shall be based on the judgment of the classroom teacher or another supervising professional employee, on a preponderance of the evidence standard, taking into consideration written materials, observation, or information from students.

Procedure to follow when it has been determined that dishonesty has occurred:

1. Discuss the situation with the student(s) involved and explain how their action has violated the district policy on dishonesty.
2. Call the parent or guardian and inform them about the situation.

Consequences to follow when it has been determined that dishonesty has occurred:

- If the assignment is considered to be daily work/homework, the student receives a zero on the assignment and an "N" (needs improvement) in conduct for that nine-week grading period.
- If the assignment was a test/major grade, an alternate assessment will be given and a "U" (unsatisfactory) in conduct will be recorded for that nine-week grading period.
- Repeated incidents of academic dishonesty will be referred to the Assistant Principal.