



Academic Integrity Policy

Garner Middle School's academic integrity policy aligns with that of MacArthur High School, which states that the expectation for all students is to model academic integrity by being academically honest, abstaining from unethical behavior, and exhibiting trustworthy character. Garner's academic integrity policy also supports North East ISD's policy:

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 [Board Policy EIA (LOCAL)]. Each campus will develop and distribute to all students an academic honesty policy that describes the consequences for violations (NEISD EIA [Regulation] Secondary Grading and Reporting, 2).

CHEATING: Consists of giving or receiving help on tests, quizzes, homework, or other assignments without permission from the teacher, including:

- Copying answers from another student's assignment or test
- Allowing another student to copy from an assignment or test
- Talking during an exam, quiz, or assignment without the teacher's permission
- Using cheat sheets, answer keys, or other hidden notes during a test or quiz
- Receiving answers on assignments from peers and/or parents
- Using the internet or other software to locate answers when not approved by the teacher
- Sharing information about a test/quiz with a student who has not yet taken the test/quiz
- Making up false numerical data on assignments that require accurate data
- Using a cell phone, calculator, or any electronic device without teacher approval

PLAGIARISM: A student is plagiarizing when he/she intentionally or unintentionally claims another person's words, ideas, or work as his/her own, including:

- Presenting someone else's ideas/words (or numbers) as the student's own, either verbatim or when paraphrasing/summarizing
- Failing to cite sources used in an assignment
- Submitting a paper/assignment obtained from the internet or other writing service
- Having a classmate or parent write a paper or complete a project/assignment
- Copying any assigned work from another student or allowing another student to copy student work

CONSEQUENCES FOR CHEATING AND/OR PLAGIARIZING

First Offense:

- Parent notification
- Incident documented in AWARE
- "N" or "U" in citizenship
- Test/project/major grade - alternate assessment (highest grade = 70)
- Daily/homework grade – alternate assignment (highest grade = 70)
- Review Academic Integrity Policy
- Academic Dean notified

Second Offense:

- Parent notification
- Incident documented in AWARE
- "N" or "U" in citizenship
- Test/project/major grade - alternate assessment (highest grade = 50)
- Daily/homework grade – alternate assignment (highest grade = 50)
- Review Academic Integrity Policy
- Referral to Academic Dean

Third Offense:

- Parent notification
- Incident documented in AWARE and SKYWARD
- "U" in citizenship
- Automatic "0" on assignment
- Review Academic Integrity Policy
- Referral to administrator and Academic Dean notified

*All infractions after the third offense will result a parent face-to-conference, along with the consequences of a third offense.

The teacher reserves the option to refer the student directly to an administrator if conduct warrants immediate attention.