

Lampasas High School  
Academic Dishonesty Policy  
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Lampasas High School teachers, staff, and administration hold the belief that academic integrity is at the heart of education. The ability for a student to think critically, create from their own mind, and evaluate without any assistance can never be reached in any instance of academic dishonesty. Therefore, Lampasas High School has adopted the following policy that holds students to high expectations and accountable to meet all academic integrity expectations.

**Academic Dishonesty** is the intentional cheating, fabrication, and/or plagiarism in work and assignments, or the complicity in such acts.

**Cheating:** The act of obtaining credit for an assignment or class by dishonest or unfair methods.

- Copying another student's work or online source
  - Note: "Using my resources" is not an acceptable response and is considered cheating.
- Having another student, the Internet, or AI complete work assigned you
  - Note: Both students will be considered cheating, not just the person receiving.
- Presenting collaborative work as individual work
- Citing a source in an assignment that was supposed to be completely original work

**Fabrication:** The creation of work that does not exist or submitting work that is not created by the student.

- This includes submitting Artificial Intelligence in place of student created work.
  - The use of AI technologies by students is strictly prohibited except as specifically outlined by the teacher during instruction of each lesson. The submission of any AI created content for an assignment is strictly prohibited.
- The use of AI tools integrated into existing apps (for example, Canva and Grammarly) also counts as AI and follows the guidelines of AI and may only be used with explicit teacher permission during instruction of each lesson.

**Plagiarism:** The intentional using of another's word or ideas as one's own without proper accreditation.

- This includes word-for-word copying or paraphrasing without giving credit to the original source.
  - Taking a source's words and rewriting them into your words without citing the original source is plagiarism.

**Recommended Punishment:** It is the recommendation of Lampasas High School that if a student engages in academic dishonesty to receive a zero for the assignment with the discretion of the teacher to make it up to a 50 at max one time. Also, all organizations or school groups tied to the student may be notified. For example, if a student who cheats plays a sport, the coach will be informed of the action by the student.

If a student is in NHS or applying to be in NHS, the act of cheating will be reported to the sponsor and used as strong evidence against the students continued placement in the group or admittance in.

Students need to be aware of the academic policy and take the necessary steps to comply with this policy. Violations are taken seriously and can have long-term academic and professional consequences.