

Sierra High School Cheating Policy

Cheating (synonymous with deception, dishonesty, misrepresenting, misleading, fraud, and/or duplicity) is any act that, when carried out, compromises an individual's integrity. Usually the point of such an act is to gain some sort of unfair advantage or privilege not afforded to the rest of the students. This includes the use of any material not specifically directed or authorized by the teacher for a particular assignment, test, or project and includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Copying from another student during an exam, assignment, or project including the use of any electronic or communication device to cheat.
- Plagiarizing – taking someone else's ideas or work and passing it off as your own rather than giving proper credit and/or presenting any body of work completed by another as the result of your own original idea/project/effort.
- Forging signatures and/or scores.
- Helping another person to cheat either in person or through the use of any electronic or communication device.
- The use of ANY electronic or communication device without explicit instruction or direction to do so.
- Constructing or completing someone else's project/work or having someone else construct/complete your work.
- Piracy/theft/copying and/or dissemination (distribution) of any test, classroom project, or activity.

The consequences of cheating are as follows

- 1st offense: zero on assignment/test/project, "N" in citizenship, parent notification, referral to Vice-Principal for documentation.
- 2nd offense: zero on assignment/test/project, "U" in citizenship, parent notification, referral to Vice-Principal for Student Conference.
- 3rd offense: zero on assignment/test/project, parent notification, referral to Vice-Principal for In-School Suspension.
- Two offenses or more (same term) in different classes: In-School Suspension.
- 4th offense: zero on assignment/test/project, parent notification, referral to Vice-Principal for 1-3 day School Suspension.
- In addition, piracy/theft/copying and/or dissemination (sharing) of any assignment/test/project will result in a zero on the assignment, automatic "U" in citizenship, referral to Vice-Principal for a 1-3 day school suspension, and could possibly disqualify the student from CSF, Lobo Gold honors, and/or National Honor Society recognition at Graduation.

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