



Orcutt Academy High School Academic Honesty Code

The Board of Trustees believes that academic honesty and personal integrity are fundamental components of a student's education and character development. The Board expects that students will not cheat, lie, plagiarize or commit other acts of academic dishonesty. Work presented by students as their own must be their own. To do otherwise results in unfair advantage and is inconsistent with society's expectations of ethics and integrity. The following guidance is provided for specific areas but is not all-inclusive. This guidance applies to all members of the academic community, including students, faculty, staff, and parents. The standards set forth below apply not only during examinations but to all aspects of academic life at OAHS.

1. Plagiarism is prohibited. Plagiarism is the presentation of another's writings or another's ideas as one's own. It is a form of theft. Plagiarism includes not only copying another's work word-for-word but also the use of a portion of another's writing without acknowledging the true author. The proper citations for using another's work are taught at OAHS.
2. Students will not:
 - a. Possess, use, or transfer copies of examination questions or solutions that are not intentionally provided to them by a faculty member.
 - b. Possess or use during an examination any unauthorized reference material, either in the form of text, "crib sheet", writing upon the person body, or any other form of notes, or electronic devices, such as cell phones, to assist in answering examination questions.
 - c. Use a computer, calculator, and other electronic device, possess or use any information in a recorded form such as on a CD, or computer drive, unless permission is granted by the classroom teacher.

A student who violates the Academic Honesty Code will receive discipline and academic consequences from their teacher. If the code is violated after a teacher has documented and disciplined a previous act, then the Principal will be notified.

I have read and understand the expectations of the OAHS Academic Honesty Code and the consequences of violating this code.