

Alvin Independent School District Academic Integrity Guidelines

It is the policy of Alvin Independent School District to facilitate honesty and integrity among the student body. Students must work to be successful in the classroom, each on his/her own merits. As stated in the Alvin ISD Grading Guidelines, in reference to Academic Dishonesty:

Academic dishonesty is defined as using a person's work, concepts, designs, ideas, research or documentation without giving proper credit to the sources. It includes lying, cheating and using or providing unauthorized materials during an assignment. Academic dishonesty may result in both academic and disciplinary consequences. The campus is the determining factor if cheating, plagiarism, or any form of academic dishonesty has occurred.

Academic misconduct can be defined to include but not limited to, giving or receiving of unauthorized aid on examinations or in the preparing of notebooks, themes, reports or other assignments, knowingly misrepresenting the source of any academic work; unauthorized changing of grades; unauthorized use of school approvals or forging of signatures, plagiarizing of another's work, or otherwise acting dishonestly in the classroom.

Academic misconduct of any kind is unacceptable and could result in disciplinary consequences, at the discretion of campus administration. Offenses may jeopardize the student's ability to successfully complete the course.

Examples of Academic Misconduct

Cheating – giving, using, or attempting to see unauthorized materials, information, notes, study aids, or other devices in any academic exercise, including unauthorized communication of information

Fabrication or Falsification – unauthorized alteration or invention of any information or citation in an academic exercise

Plagiarism – knowingly presenting the work of another as one's own (i.e. without proper acknowledgement of the source). The sole exception to the requirement of acknowledging sources is when the ideas or information are common knowledge. This includes the use of Internet sources.

Facilitating Academic Misconduct – giving or attempting to help another commit an act of academic misconduct

Tampering with Materials, Grades or Records – interfering with, altering or attempting to alter school records, grades or other documents without authorization from an appropriate school official for the purpose of changing, falsifying or removing the original information found in such records

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