



# ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

PRIDE IN EXCELLENCE

## Academic Integrity Agreement

Rochester Community School has high expectations for students and hopes that students have equally high expectations for themselves and their classmates. Students are reminded that all of their work should reflect their own efforts and ideas. Work from other sources must be credited accurately. *Unless directed by the teacher*, students must assume all assignments are to be done individually. Remember – your honor and character are more valuable to you than any grade.

**The following are examples of, but not limited to, academic dishonesty:**

1. Copying a classmate's homework or class work for any subject or class.
2. Allowing a classmate to copy work from any subject or class.
3. Disclosing test or quiz questions or answers to classmates.
4. Looking at a classmate's paper or discussing/sharing answers during *independent* work time, quizzes, tests, labs or lab reports. Looking at/taking answer keys from a teacher without permission.
5. Turning in /taking credit for an assignment you did not do yourself, one with excessive revision by a tutor or parent or that has been submitted and graded in a previous class.
6. Using electronic devices (including cameras, flash drives, cellular phones or other communication/data devices) to gain answers or knowledge of assessments in advance, either for personal use or distribution.
7. Copying, paraphrasing or cutting and pasting without properly giving a source credit. This is regarded as plagiarism. See your teacher for details for citing and crediting sources at each grade level.
8. Taking credit for someone else's *ideas* (passing off the work of others from print resources or Internet as your own) without properly listing the source. This includes text, audio, video, artwork and images and is considered the intellectual property of the original author.
9. Using resources that are not permitted by the teacher. Examples may include Sparknotes®, Cliffsnotes®, calculator memory, on-line translators, formulas, Wikipedia®, etc.
10. Forging signatures on grade reports or contracts.
11. Sharing digital files with another student or using a digital file created by someone else and submitting it as your own work.
12. Having another person write an assignment or research paper for you or accessing one from an online source already completed.

**Consequences for academic dishonesty may include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following:**

- A zero (0) on the task assignment (such as test, quiz, projects, etc.) regardless of point value.
- Parent contact and/or conference.
- Referral to administration for step system placement.