

Academic Honesty Policy

Students at École Salish Secondary are expected to put forth the best of their academic abilities and effort towards all their courses throughout their schooling, from Grade 8 to Grade 12. Academic integrity means respecting the principles of learning that honour the intrinsic value of education. Maintaining academic integrity means that students are expected to be responsible learners who complete all in-class and out-of-class assignments/assessment pieces in an honest manner that most accurately and authentically represent their best level of learning and understanding. Students at École Salish Secondary are also expected to familiarize themselves with what constitutes academic dishonesty and why participating in academic dishonesty is detrimental to their learning. In addition to refraining from participating in academic dishonesty, students are expected to understand that if they partake in it, there are consequences for their actions.

One of the most common forms of academic dishonesty is plagiarism: the act of copying and/or partially/heavily relying on someone else's intellectual work and passing it off as one's own without properly acknowledging the source. For example, partially and/or fully copying/paraphrasing original text from the Internet and/or published work belonging to someone else and pasting it in one's own work is considered plagiarism. Other examples of academic dishonesty involve,

- Bringing in and concealing notes to be used during a quiz/test/exam
- Writing notes on one's self and using them during a quiz/test/exam
- Looking at a fellow student's answers and using them while writing a quiz/test/exam
- Giving and/or receiving test questions/answers *before* a quiz/test/exam
- Giving and/or receiving test questions/answers *during* a quiz/test/exam
- Copying a peer's homework assignment
- Letting a peer copy one's homework assignment quiz/test/exam
- Taking pictures of a quiz/test/exam to be shared with others
- Accessing a mobile device during a quiz/test/exam
- And any other act that compromises the academic integrity of the course is considered an act of academic dishonesty

Depending on the frequency of the offence, the severity of the situation, the context of the circumstance and the academic history of the student, a number and/or combination of the following repercussions could result:

- The student may receive no credit for the assessment piece that was academically compromised
- The student may have to demonstrate his or her learning in an alternative assignment
- The student's transgression will be documented on a school Referral Form
- The student's report card will indicate the following comment: "This student participated in academic dishonesty."
- The student will receive an "N" for work habit
- The receiving of internal and/or external academic awards may be jeopardized
- The receiving of internal and/or external academic scholarships may be jeopardized
- The student's parents/guardians will be informed of the academic transgression

Further administrative actions, such as a suspension, may be taken.