

Fall River Joint Unified School District
Policy 5124.1

STUDENTS

Academic Honesty

The Governing Board 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.

The district encourages efforts to create an honor code and ethical environment within our schools designed to promote academic honesty and integrity. Students found to have committed an act of academic dishonesty shall be subject to district and school-site discipline rules.

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Acts of academic dishonesty include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Cheating on assignments and/or tests
Giving or receiving of external assistance (verbal, written, or by electronic device) without expressed direction or permission of the teacher.
2. Unauthorized Collaboration
Collaboration must be expressly directed or permitted by the teacher. This includes copying another student's work, allowing work to be copied or completing assignments for others, giving or "passing" old tests to other students for the following year, or receiving old tests from other students.
3. Plagiarism
Any use of another's ideas, words, or work, and crediting such as one's own.
4. Fabrication/Falsification

Any intentional falsification or invention of data, citation, or other authority in an academic exercise.

It shall be a requirement that academic honesty among pupils will be regulated by the following:

ELEMENTARY (K-6)

First Offense

Discipline Referral: Teacher/student conference and parent contact made.

Second Offense

Discipline Referral: Parent notification/conference with teacher and student.

Third Offense

Discipline Referral: Parent, teacher, administrator/designee conference. Additional consequences may include suspension.

JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH (7-12)

First Offense

1. Student will receive an automatic zero on the assignment or test.
2. Teacher to make voice contact with Parent. Contact to be documented. If teacher is unable to contact Parent by telephone, teacher will notify parent by mail.
3. Conference will be scheduled with the administrator/designee, teacher, parent and student.
4. Student will be placed on probation in school. (This means that a second offense in any class will demand the penalties under the second offense.)
5. If the offense occurs while the student is a TA, the student will be dropped from the class with a Drop/Fail for the remainder of the semester

Second Offense

1. Student will receive a failing grade and a U in citizenship for the quarter.
2. Student will be placed on probation for all remaining classes.
3. Student will be removed from all elective and appointive offices.

In the 7-12th grade, violations are cumulative throughout the year and start over at the beginning of each school year.

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