

Academic Dishonesty and Plagiarism

Wentworth Junior College's official definition of Academic Dishonesty and Plagiarism is as follows: dishonesty in connection with any College activity, including but not limited to cheating, plagiarism, or knowingly furnishing false information to the College, as well as the commitment of acts of cheating, lying, and deceit in any of their diverse forms (such as the use of substitutes for taking examinations, the use of illegal cribs, plagiarism, and copying during examinations). Moreover, to willingly and knowingly aid and/or abet, whether directly or indirectly, other parties in committing dishonest acts is in itself dishonest.

Penalties for infractions of academic dishonesty vary from a warning and written notification of the Dean of Student's Office, failure of the assignment, failure for the course, and expulsion from the college. Wentworth Junior College considers the previous explanation to be official notification of the nature and seriousness of all acts of academic dishonesty.

Plagiarism is one kind of academic dishonesty in which one person steals another person's ideas or words and falsely presents them as the plagiarist's own product. This is most likely to occur in the following ways:

- using the exact language of someone else without the use of quotation marks and without giving proper credit to the author – improper citation, copying of written material, cutting and pasting of electronic material, blatant disregard for proper use of instructed citation format
- presenting the sequence of ideas or arranging the material of someone else even though such is expressed in one's own words, without giving appropriate acknowledgment – improper paraphrase, using a novel thought or idea without giving credit to the originator
- submitting a document written by someone else but representing it as one's own – false identification of authorship, having someone else write all or part of an assignment for you, purchasing an assignment and handing it in as your work,

The following are a few examples of academic dishonesty:

- substituting on an exam for another student
- substituting in a course for another student
- paying someone else to write a paper and submitting it as one's own work
- giving or receiving answers by use of signals during an exam
- copying with or without the other person's knowledge during an exam
- doing class assignments for someone else
- plagiarizing published material, class assignments, or lab reports
- turning in a paper that has been purchased from a commercial research firm or obtained from the internet
- padding items of a bibliography
- obtaining an unauthorized copy of a test in advance of its scheduled administration
- using unauthorized notes during an exam
- collaborating with other students on assignments when it is not allowed
- obtaining a test from the exam site, completing and submitting it later
- altering answers on a scored test and submitting it for a regrade
- accessing and altering grade records
- stealing class assignments from other students and submitting them as one's own
- fabricating data
- destroying or stealing the work of other students