

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

The Student Leadership Academy and The Sarasota County School District strongly believe that academic honesty must be practiced by all students. Cheating is defined by the school board and the district as “The inappropriate and deliberate distribution or use of information, notes, materials, or the work of another person, or the unauthorized use of technology devices in the completion of an academic assessment or assignment.”

Students are expected to demonstrate honesty and integrity at all times. Each student is expected to do his or her own work, except where collaboration is required by the teacher. This includes test-taking, homework, class assignments and the original creation of essays, compositions, term papers and research. There is no distinction between giving and receiving unauthorized help; one who helps another to cheat is as guilty as one who benefits from cheating. All work submitted by the student should be a true reflection of that student’s own effort and ability.

Academic Integrity is founded on the principles of respect for knowledge, truth, scholarship, and honesty. Representing someone else’s work as your own is dishonest. We believe that your success is dependent on YOUR efforts. Cheating includes, but isn’t limited to the following: Copying others’ homework, allowing someone to copy your work, looking on another’s test or quiz, writing answers on parts of body or clothing, creating “cheat sheets”, cutting and pasting from the Internet, plagiarism or copying word from word from another reference source.

Violation of this policy may result in academic and/or disciplinary consequences, loss of eligibility for local scholarships, and/or loss of honors, awards and membership in extracurricular activities. Consequences could also include: a zero on the assignment, a 25-point employability grade deduction, a written referral, and parent contact.