

ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY

2019-2020

To be signed by Parent/Guardian and Students in Grades 3rd-6th

Seton Catholic School students are expected to recognize the gifts and talents God has given them and utilize these gifts as they realize their potential and personal development. When students engage in academic dishonesty they are defrauding themselves and the entire Seton community.

Academic dishonesty, including cheating and plagiarism, is a form of deceit. This behavior is unethical.

In addition, any student who supports another student either by giving papers, assignment answers, examination answers or allows another student to copy assignments or examination answers is also guilty of academic dishonesty.

BEHAVIORS WHICH CONSTITUTE ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

<u>Plagiarism</u>	<u>Fraud</u>
Copying or pasting text from electronic or printed sources without proper citation;	Taking credit for work you did not complete on your own;
Editing, rewriting, or paraphrasing an original source without permission or acknowledgement;	Using unfair methods to obtain answers for a quiz/test/ assignment;
Copying another student's work with or without permission;	Giving another student your paper or answer, or allowing another student to copy answers to a quiz/test/ assignment;
Buying or using any work and claiming it as one's own.	Obtaining a copy of a quiz or test prior to its distribution in your class;
	Using a teacher's answer key;
	Submitting the same paper or project for more than one assignment without permission from the teacher.

POLICY PROCEDURES

Plagiarism and fraud will be reported to the Principal, when deemed appropriate by the teacher. The teacher who reports the dishonesty will notify the student's parents/guardians of the suspected dishonesty.

The Principal, in conjunction with the reporting faculty member, will determine if the student's work contains plagiarized material or fraudulently obtained answers. The Principal will also determine if another student has given information and has thus subjected himself/herself to the consequences of the academic dishonesty policy.

A student who has engaged in plagiarism or fraud may be required to demonstrate academic proficiency by completing the assignment or examination without credit. A student may also be asked to make satisfactory explanation before the student's parent, teacher, and/or Principal.

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CONSEQUENCES OF ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

If it is determined that a student's work, to include written class assignments, homework, classroom tests, take-home examination or written examinations, contains plagiarized material or fraudulently obtained answers, ***the student will receive no credit (0%) for that assignment or examination.***

Additionally, if it is determined that another student gave information, allowed his/her work to be copied or assisted in cheating, ***the supporting student will also receive no credit (0%) for the assignment.***

A student, who has plagiarized or committed fraud on a final assessment, to include a final examination or written paper, will receive no credit (0%) for the assessment.

DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCES

At the discretion of the Principal, a student who has plagiarized or committed fraud will be given consequences deemed appropriate by the principal.

A student who has plagiarized or committed fraud on a final assessment, to include a semester or yearly final examination or written paper, may be subject to immediate expulsion from Seton Catholic School.

***I have read and gone over Seton Catholic School's Academic Honesty Policy with my student(s).
We understand the behaviors which constitute Academic Dishonesty and the consequences of this behavior.***

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Homeroom: _____ Date: _____