
Irvine Unified School District

Academic Honesty Policy

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Goals:



1. To create honest and ethical academic environments that promote positive academic behaviors
2. To help students learn from academic honesty violations and discourage any future incidents



Development Process:

1. **Summer 2019:** Interest - based planning process
2. **Fall 2019:** Schools provided input to plans
3. **Winter 2019/2020:** Teacher Focus Groups convened
4. **Spring 2020:** Implementation Planning Group convened



Guiding Principles

- Legal Compliance
- Ethic of Continuous Improvement
- Restorative Justice
- Separation of Behavior from Grading

Continuous Improvement Efforts

Building Essential Capacities:

- Utilize mistakes as key learning opportunities
- Accept responsibility
- Demonstrate ethical behavior
- Model IUSD core values





Key Concerns Addressed

Student Accountability

Workload for teachers

Ensuring that consequences
change student behavior

Consequences

Student Consequences

Current

Student
Conference

Parent Call

Referral and
Record

Zero on
Assignment

Reflection?

New

Student
Conference

Parent Call

Referral and
Record

Zero on
Assignment

Restoration

Consequence for
Bigger Infractions

Concern Addressed: Workload

- a. Parameters to be determined by the teacher
- b. Language changed to allow for flexibility: **redoing,**
replacing, or revisiting
- c. Building an Academic Honesty Action Plan

Concern Addressed: Changing Behavior

Ensuring that consequences change student behavior

- a. Prevention/ Communication/ Education efforts
- b. Incidents placed in the student's Aeries record
- c. Consequences will increase if lessons not learned

Keep the Focus on LEARNING

“ It is not about being soft on kids. Instead we communicate clear expectations and hold them accountable for learning.”

Tom Schimmer



A person wearing orange sneakers is walking up a set of blue metal stairs. The stairs have a textured surface and a blue metal railing. The background is a bright, slightly blurred outdoor setting.

Proactive Measures

1. Education
2. Communication
3. Setting Expectations

Consequences and Changing Behavior

Restorative Practices

Academic Honesty Action Plan

Levels of Infractions

Associated Consequences



Building Hope, Efficacy, and Achievement

for All Students,

**While improving academic honesty behavior,
maintaining student accountability, and
upholding our values and the integrity of our
educational institution.**