

# Wenatchee High School

## Policy on fabrication, plagiarizing, duplicating work and cheating

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The policy below is the standard and consistent policy in all courses at Wenatchee High School. Every student must be aware of the following rules while in school or on the job:

- **Fabricating** is, in the phrasing first used by the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, the cardinal sin. Faking quotations, faking “facts,” reporting things that did not happen is not only reprehensible, it could be actionable in court.

All work in this class must be your own original work. Understand that you must credit the source if you use the ideas, words or information. Plagiarism is *never* acceptable.

- **Plagiarizing**, as defined by Webster, is “to steal and pass off as one’s own the ideas or words of another.” It is unethical and — in cases involving creative work — usually illegal. One of the worst sins a newsperson may commit is to plagiarize from a creative professional — to steal his words, thoughts or story outline and print it as his own.
- **Duplicating** work is defined as submitting the same work to more than one instructor or publication without the prior knowledge and agreement of both.
- **Cheating** is using resources prohibited by the teacher on assignments or tests. Providing answers to someone during a test or allowing someone to copy your work will also be considered cheating. Do not even give a reason to believe that cheating might have taken place.

### CONSEQUENCES

If you are academically dishonest, you should expect these consequences:

- loss of all credit for the assignment, test or activity with no possibility for another attempt
- parent contact
- administrator referral
- possible failure of the course

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