

Discovery Middle School

Academic Honesty Policy

It is Discovery Middle School's policy that plagiarism and cheating by students in any form is not permitted. Only through actual student work can the student's understanding and mastery of academic content be truly measured.

Plagiarism, or the copying and use of someone else's work without proper acknowledgement, is not permitted, **nor is it permissible for any student to allow another student to copy their work.**

Plagiarism occurs when someone takes the ideas or writings of others and presents them as if they were his or her own. This definition includes all print and electronic sources as well as computer programs and artwork.

Plagiarism and cheating includes but is not limited to:

1. Copying another's work, whether from a book, article or website without giving credit.
2. Copying another student's assignment.
3. Submitting another student's work as your own.
4. Paraphrasing (rewording) of another's work without giving credit to the author.
5. Cutting and pasting sections of several pieces of others' work into a new whole without giving credit.
6. Recycling previously submitted work.

Consequences of plagiarism/cheating: Assignments found to be plagiarized will earn a grade of zero. Students are allowed one chance in their middle school career to rewrite a plagiarized assignment. Any further instances of plagiarism may result in appropriate sanctions as needed.

I have read and understand the above DMS Academic Honesty Policy. I also understand that the consequence for plagiarism or cheating is the allowance of one re-done assignment in my time at Discovery Middle School. Any further instances of plagiarism may result in appropriate sanctions as needed.

Student Signature

Date