

RHS ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY

Redwood High School staff is committed to encouraging students to:

- Experience the joy of accomplishment in school and in their personal lives
- Discover their full potential
- Value an atmosphere of trust and respect
- Assume responsibility for their own ethical behavior
- Foster ethical behavior in others

In pursuit of this idea, this Academic Honesty Policy has been developed reflecting this commitment. Redwood acknowledges that:

- Academic honesty is a shared responsibility among students, parents and school staff.
- The many students who do not cheat are adversely affected by those who do.
- Students who cheat rob themselves of both valuable learning opportunities and self-esteem.
- High school students are under more pressure than ever to achieve high grades.
- Teachers must create conditions that encourage ethical behavior.
- Students need to experience rewards for good ethics and consequences for poor decisions.
- High school students often have difficulty reconciling their desire to be loyal with a sense of honesty and fairness when a friend cheats.

Cheating includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Claiming credit for work that is not your own (i.e. copying homework, assignments, test answers or downloading work from the Internet).
- Allowing others to claim credit for your work (i.e. allowing others to view or copy homework, assignments, test answers, etc.).
- Using, or having in view, notes or other unauthorized material, including technology, during a test or other assessment.
- Being involved in unauthorized communication during a test or other assessment.
- Plagiarism: Copying published works or the ideas of others without proper source attribution, including downloading of computer files, either directly or with only minor editing
- Unauthorized submission of work for one class that has already been accepted for credit in another class or school.
- Accessing or providing unauthorized material prior to assessment, including revealing test information.
- Submitting work substantially done by someone else (parent, tutor, sibling, etc.).
- Forgery