

## **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY in the MATH CLASSROOM**

Academic integrity is of the utmost importance in this class. It is essential in affording a teacher the ability to develop a clear and accurate picture of each student's learning at a given point in time. When students conduct themselves with academic integrity, they are expressing a commitment to **honesty** and **truthfulness**. When students fail to conduct themselves with academic integrity (commonly referred to as "cheating" or "academic dishonesty"), they abandon their sense of "right" and "wrong" and choose to **intentionally deceive** others as to their true abilities. This will often lead to a **lack of trust** between students and their teachers, damaging the relationship that is so important to success in the classroom.

### **EXAMPLES of ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:**

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In the Math classroom, a student is considered to be **academically dishonest** (ie. cheating) when he or she:

- Copies the work of another student or allows others to copy his/her own work.
- Copies information directly from any online or written source without reference.
- Looks at or attempts to look at another student's work during an exam.
- Communicates with another student in any manner during an exam.
- Uses an unauthorized "cheat sheet", notes sheet, or formula sheet during an exam.
- Uses an unauthorized electronic device during an exam.
- Asks another student which questions were on a test.
- Acquires or views a copy of a test prior to writing it.

**NOTE:** This list does not necessarily cover ALL academically dishonest behaviours. If you are ever in doubt about whether an action is academically dishonest, make sure to ask your teacher.

### **POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES:**

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If a student has **chosen** to engage in academically dishonest behaviour, a teacher may:

- Assign an "N" for a student's work habit mark.
- Contact parents, counsellors, and administrators regarding the incident.
- Require a student to complete an alternative assessment or assignment.
- Make reference to instances of academic dishonesty on a student's report card.
- Require a student to complete a written or oral reflection on the meaning of academic integrity, explaining his/her decision and actions.
- Assign a "zero" for a particular assignment or assessment.
- Remove a student from consideration for class or department awards.
- Decline a request for reference letters or include mention of academic dishonesty within any letters provided.