

CHRISTA MCAULIFFE ACADEMY
 SCHOOL OF
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Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is founded upon and encompasses the following five values: honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. Supporting and affirming these values is essential to promoting and maintaining a high level of academic integrity. Each member of the academic community must stand accountable for his or her actions. As a result, a community develops in which students learn the responsibilities of citizenship and how to contribute honorably to their professions.

If knowledge is to be gained and properly evaluated, it must be pursued under conditions free from dishonesty. Deceit and misrepresentations are incompatible with the fundamental activity of this academic institution and shall not be tolerated. Members of the SAS community are expected to foster in their own work the spirit of academic honesty and not to tolerate its abuse by others.

First responsibility for academic integrity lies with individual students and faculty members of this community. A violation of academic integrity is an act harmful to all other students, faculty and, ultimately, the school.

Students are expected to practice responsible and honest behavior. Acts of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated at CMA School for Arts and Sciences and typical offenses are listed below:

- Cheating on tests, homework, or grading of assignments
- Fabrication (intentional falsification or invention of date, citation, or other authority in an academic exercise)
- Unauthorized collaboration
- Plagiarism (stealing and passing off as one's own the words or ideas of another)
- Theft or alteration of materials

VIOLATION OF THIS POLICY IN ANY COURSE¹ WILL HAVE THE FOLLOWING RESULTS UP TO AND INCLUDING:

¹ This policy encompasses the duration of the student's enrollment with CMA School for Arts and Sciences.



FIRST OFFENSE: The student will be issued a warning in regard to the specific violation that was committed. Student will be allowed to resubmit the assignment with no loss of score due to the offence. However, the offence will be documented for future reference. Student will also need to complete a Plagiarism review course prior to completing any additional work or resubmitting the assignment. At the end of the Plagiarism review course, student will sign an acknowledgement form indicating they understand what plagiarism is and are familiar with the Academic Integrity Policy and agree to abide by the policy.

SECOND OFFENSE: An official letter is sent home to explain the severity of the offence and to further explain what will occur upon a third offense. Student will be required to redo the assignment where the violation occurred. Parent or Guardian will need to sign off stating they have discussed the issue with their child and agree to the consequences of a third occurrence.

THIRD OFFENSE: Student will be placed on Academic Probation incurring an added tuition of \$100.00 per month for 3 months and the offense being documented in the student's permanent academic records.

FOURTH OFFENSE: Student will have tuition permanently adjusted by \$150/month for the additional oversight of the principle/counselor to monitor and to have all assignments reviewed for plagiarism. All exams will need to be proctored.