

**ACADEMIC HONESTY**

The Board of Education believes that personal integrity is basic to all solid achievement. Students will reach their full potential only by being honest with themselves and with others. The term “academic honesty” refers to the student’s ethical conduct in the preparation of all school assignments, the taking of all tests, the carrying out of all research, and the dealings and relationships with staff and other students.

The Board expects students to respect the educational purpose underlying all school activities. All students need to prove to themselves that they can do successful work as a result of their own efforts. The Board expects that students will not cheat, lie or plagiarize.

The Board recognizes that students are more inclined to cheat when there is little likelihood of getting caught. Each school shall provide an environment that encourages honesty. Students must know that their teachers will not ignore or condone cheating and that anyone discovered cheating will be penalized in accordance with Administrative Regulations.

Teachers shall instruct students in research and study skills appropriate to each subject, so that all students may feel confident that if they prepare, they can succeed without cheating. Students shall be encouraged to see tests as a means for determining what they have learned. They shall be reminded that students who cheat on tests are cheating themselves.