



Cheating/Plagiarism Policy Terramar Academy of the Arts- Phase 1 Pilot School

Academic integrity is a cornerstone of learning. Students must present their own work in order for teachers to accurately assess learning and provide appropriate feedback.

Any type of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated in DVUSD and any student who engages in cheating or plagiarism will be disciplined for those behaviors. It is important that the penalty imposed is not reflected in the student's academic grade. Incorporating a behavior penalty into a student's academic grade, such as issuing a loss of credit, causes the overall grade to no longer represent what the student knows or has learned and, in essence, has become meaningless.

If a student engages in academic dishonesty, they will initially receive a "1" for Grades Kinder-6th and a "0" for Grades 7th and 8th. The teacher will provide an opportunity for the student to demonstrate his/her level of proficiency of the same standards. If they choose not to reassess, the 0 or 1 will remain.

The student will be assigned a discipline consequence for the cheating and/or plagiarism behavior they engaged in. Parents will be contacted and the student will be held accountable through the district's SR&R handbook. **Depending upon the developmental needs, the stage of the student and the severity of the offense,** discipline consequences could take the form of a letter of apology or other restorative measure, loss of privileges, after school detention, or suspension.