

Academic Integrity

Honesty is the foundation of good academic work as it ensures all students a quality learning environment where assignments are assessed fairly, and hard work is both recognized and respected. As Bruins we take pride in our work and strive to present our best at all times, as reflected in the BRIT Way and the [IB Learner Profile](#). This means that we avoid engaging in plagiarism, collusion, cheating or helping others to do the same.

We understand that academic dishonesty is a serious matter which brings serious consequences.

Academic dishonesty is defined as: ***any attempt by a student to complete an examination or assignment by unfair means***. Unfair means may include one or more of the following:

- plagiarism: the representation of the ideas or work of another person as your own
- collusion: supporting the academic dishonesty of another student, as in allowing your work to be copied or submitted for assessment by another
- duplication of work: the presentation of the same work (although it is your own) in more than one class
- fraud: the use or provision of unauthorized information during an examination through verbal, visual, written or electronic means OR taking an exam for another student OR arranging for another student to take your exam OR altering or changing test answers after submission for grading OR altering or changing grades after they have been awarded OR changing or falsifying other academic records
- other: making any other attempt to improve grades using means that have not or would not be approved by your teacher

Because we take academic integrity seriously, instances of academic dishonesty will be investigated thoroughly and may result in one or more of the following consequences:

- A grade of zero for the offending assignment or exam
- A record of the incident placed in a central file
- A record of the incident placed in the student's file
- Ineligibility for honour roll
- Ineligibility for reference letters from staff
- Ineligibility for school scholarships
- Removal from special programs, clubs or teams (International Baccalaureate, Student Council, etc.)
- Parent meeting(s)
- Counselor referral for support.

Ensure that you are acting with academic integrity by completing your own work fairly and to the best of your ability, doing your fair share of work on group projects, allowing adequate time to study and prepare for tests and assignments, and being aware of the appropriate citation methods.

These helpful tips and videos about academic integrity from Ryerson University will help point you in the right direction:

[Episode 1: Plagiarism](#)

[Episode 3: Cheating on tests and exams](#)

[Episode 4: Forging, misrepresentation and unauthorized group work](#)

You will also find excellent advice about research and citing sources with the University of British Columbia's [Research Help](#).