



SAINT FRANCIS
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY POLICY

St. Francis believes in focusing on learning and not just on achievement. We believe that it is important to instil a love of learning in our students, rather than just focusing on the competition. Building students' self esteem will help them begin to make better choices.

There are some serious consequences to cheating:

- Cheating lowers your own self respect
- Cheating isn't fair to the other students, who, in turn lose respect for the people who cheat
- Cheating violates the teachers' trust
- Cheating means that you will never know how well you could have done without cheating

The following are considered acts of cheating at St. Francis:

- Students who use notes of any type in tests
- Students who copy someone else's work or answers
- Students who aid others in cheating
- Students who purchase or download work, such as term papers from the Internet
- Students who do not acknowledge references in his/her work

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS:

Student:

- Student must acknowledge and self-evaluate the behaviour
- Student needs to help develop a plan so the situation does not repeat itself

Any one or combination of the following will be implemented:

School:

- Student meeting with the teacher(s), coordinator, or principal
- Parental conference with the school staff (if deemed necessary)
- Loss of privileges (school trips, Sports Day etc.)
- A decision will then be made as to whether the student completes:
 - In-school suspension
 - Exclusion from events