

**POWAY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD POLICY**

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SECTION 3.40 ACADEMIC HONESTY

The Governing Board believes that academic honesty and personal integrity are fundamental components of a student's educational experience. The Board expects that students will demonstrate acts of academic honesty at all times and will not engage in acts of:

- cheating on tests
- fabrication/falsification
- forgery
- unauthorized collaboration
- plagiarism
- theft/alteration of materials or equipment

The Board intends that the District data network, Internet, and other on-line resources provided, be used to support the instructional program and further student learning. Users of the District's computing and network resources are required to use such resources responsibly, ethically, and in compliance with usage agreements outlined in District policy.

Teachers and staff members will support and enforce all rules of academic honesty and provide a learning environment for students that prohibits acts of dishonesty.

Disciplinary actions for violations of the rules of the Academic Honesty policy may range in severity and will be appropriate to the situation. Disciplinary actions include, but are not limited to, the following:

- expulsion
- suspension
- dropped from the class
- no credit

When enforcing the rules of academic honesty, good judgment shall be used at all times.

The Superintendent is authorized to develop and implement procedures pertaining to this policy. The policy will be conveyed to staff, parents, and students, in writing, at the beginning of each year.