

Ethics Policy



Students of the Saddleback Valley Unified School District are subject to an Ethics Policy which deals with students who cheat

on tests or plagiarize assignments. All tests, quizzes, reports, homework, other assignments and any school related test (i.e. CAHSEE, AP, STAR are subject to this policy.

Cheating includes looking at another student's paper during a test or quiz, copying another student's work, copying directly from a resource without proper citation, taking credit for work that is not your own, or talking during an exam. Helping another student cheat on an exam, homework, or other assignment is also a violation of the Ethics Policy if it has been made clear by the instructor that students are to work on their own and not collaborate.

Students who violate the Ethics Policy while taking major state and/or national examinations, such as SAT, PSAT, etc., will be removed from any and all extra class activities and elected or appointed leadership positions for the remainder the school year.

The following action will be taken in regards to students in violations of this policy.

High School (Grades 9 - 12)

FIRST OFFENSE

1. Automatic "O" (Failure) on assignment or test.
2. Parent conference and contract signed.
3. Referral placed in student discipline file.
4. Student given a "U" in citizenship for the semester.
5. Placed on probation in all classes for remainder of the semester and the entire next semester. Notification of student's probationary status

communicated to student's current teachers.

6. If the student is a student aide, he/she will be dropped from the class with a Withdrawal-Failure (W/F) on the first offense.

SECOND OFFENSE (The second offense by the student during the period of probation)

1. Student assigned "F" in class for semester and "U" in citizenship and work habits in the class in which the second offense occurred. The student is removed from the class and placed in the opportunity program.
2. Student remains on probation in all remaining classes through the rest of the semester and the entire next semester.
3. Parent conference.
4. Student removed from any all elected or appointed leadership positions for the remainder of the school year.

THIRD OFFENSE (The third offense by the student during the period of probation)

1. Student dropped from any class in which violation occurs at high school level with a Withdrawal-Failure (W/F).
2. Student removed from all extracurricular activities for the remainder of the semester in which infraction occurred and one additional semester.

Students who wish to appeal these penalties may do so to the local site Ethics Committee. This committee is composed of four members; two teachers, an administrator, and a student. The student committee member will have an advisory vote. The accused student must file a written appeal within ten working days from the date of infraction.

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