



West Forsyth High School



Code of Academic Integrity

I would prefer even to fail with honor than win by cheating. —Sophocles

The Forsyth County Schools Code of Conduct states, “Cheating, plagiarism, altering record, or other fraudulent act on school assignments, exams, records, or college entrance examinations; using the computer network for any illegal activity such as copying or downloading copyrighted software, music, images or violation of copyright laws which includes using BYOT devices to copy or share copyrighted items or intellectual property” are prohibited behaviors.

West Forsyth High School believes that academic honesty and integrity are essential components of our school community. Academic honesty means performing all academic work without plagiarism, cheating, lying, tampering, stealing, giving or receiving unauthorized assistance from any other person, or using any source of information that is not common knowledge without properly acknowledging the source (University of Georgia, 2007). Academic honesty is the foundation upon which our learning community is built. We believe that promoting academic honesty is the responsibility of all members of our school community.

Penalties for the Code of Academic Integrity violations may include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following:

- Parent/guardian contact and meeting with administrator
- Administrative referral
- Record on discipline file
- In school suspension
- Loss of privileges to use computers or other electronic devices on campus

**** Repeated offences may result in removal from student leadership roles, suspension or removal from Honor Societies.**