

## **443.9 RULE (1) CHEATING GUIDELINES**

The Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools prohibits cheating. It is the objective of WRPS to create and maintain an ethical academic atmosphere in which all work submitted by students represents the true reflection of their effort and ability. The District recognizes that students vary in their understanding of cheating. This policy obligates staff to inform and educate students about cheating guidelines in relationship to subject matter and grade level. It is the goal of the cheating policy and these guidelines to develop responsible behavior among students and staff. Effective instruction about these guidelines should minimize the need for disciplinary action.

Cheating is an act of deception by which a student misrepresents mastery on an academic exercise which, in fact, has not been mastered. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Plagiarism (see Policy 443.9 Rule 2 - Plagiarism Guidelines)
- Copying from another student's test or assignment or allowing another student to copy from a test or assignment.
- Using the textbook or other materials during a test without teacher permission.
- Using prepared materials during a test (e.g., notes, formula lists, computer or calculator programs) without instructor permission.
- Using instructor texts or other such material to complete an assignment without instructor permission.
- Stealing, buying, or otherwise obtaining all or part of a test/answer key before it is administered.
- Selling or giving away all or part of an unadministered test, including answers whether through traditional or electronic means.
- Taking a test for someone else or permitting someone to take a test for you.
- Fabricating data or citations.
- Forgery
- Submitting the same or similar work in more than one course without the prior approval of the teacher(s) involved.
- Using Artificial Intelligence (AI) generators such as ChatGPT, Google Bard, Dall-E, etc. without proper citations and without instructor knowledge or prior approval.

### **Consequences:**

Teachers are responsible for investigating violations and disciplining students. Depending on the severity of the offense, administration may become involved.

Whenever a staff member reasonably believes, based upon sufficient evidence, that a student has cheated or assisted another student to cheat on an assignment or assessment, the teacher shall evaluate the nature and extent of the violation and warn the student that (s)he may be subject to the following consequences:

- Require the student to re-do the assignment completely
- Reduction of credit by a degree commensurate with the severity of the violation
- Parent notification
- Refer the student for additional counseling or further disciplinary action

In the case of a major violation, the teacher may refer the incident to the administration.

Examples of major violations include:

- The student denies the charge of cheating
- Several students are involved in the infraction, and the staff person doesn't have the capacity to perform a comprehensive investigation

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