

Quabbin Regional High School

Academic Honesty Policy

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The academic integrity of our students is a paramount concern. Quabbin Regional High School expects that students will exercise the highest standard of academic honesty; and will respect intellectual property rights, follow proper academic practices, and submit only their own authentic work, thoughts, and ideas in all subjects.

Quabbin Regional High School considers academic malpractice seriously and will investigate all matters in accordance with the following standards. Malpractice is defined as behavior that results in, or may result in, the student or any other student gaining an unfair advantage in one or more assessment component.

Malpractice includes, but is not limited to:

- Plagiarism: defined as the representation of the ideas or work of another person as the student's own
- Collusion: defined as supporting malpractice by another student, as in allowing one's work to be copied or submitted for assessment by another
- Duplication of work: defined as the presentation of the same work for different assessment components and/or diploma requirements
- Any other behavior that gains an unfair advantage for a student or that affects the results of another student (for example, taking unauthorized material into an examination room, misconduct during an examination, falsifying a CAS/Capstone record).

Incidents of malpractice may be intentional or unintentional and it is ultimately the responsibility of the student to ensure the authenticity of their work.

All reports of suspected academic dishonesty or malpractice will be thoroughly investigated in accordance with school standards and procedures. Any student found guilty of cheating or plagiarism will automatically receive a zero for the assignment and will be referred to the administration for disciplinary action. All incidents of academic dishonesty or malpractice will be reported to the administration and the National Honor Society advisor. Membership in the National Honor Society will be denied for any student who is found guilty of academic dishonesty. Repeated offenses will jeopardize academic credit.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE: RIGHTS, ROLES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES

In addition to the above standards, all IB candidates are subject to the following standards:

Every report of suspected academic dishonesty or malpractice for an IB student will be thoroughly investigated in accordance with IBO procedures for investigation and reporting. For detailed information regarding the rights, roles, and responsibilities of academic honesty, please refer to: [Academic Honesty from IB](#)

Updates and Revisions

This document will be reviewed bi-annually by the Steering Committee and updates and revisions will be made based on student population, demographics, and program needs.

Communication

This document is available to all segments of the Quabbin Regional School District community via the school's website, the academic guide, and the student handbook.