



Academic Integrity Policy

Sutton Middle School and North Atlanta High School

Sutton Middle School and North Atlanta High School each subscribe to the Atlanta Public Schools Academic Integrity Policy. The Atlanta Board of Education recognizes that academic integrity is the foundation of academic excellence and student success. It is the responsibility of every student and employee to exhibit honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility in academic work at all times to support a positive learning environment in the school.

Any student behavior that has the effect of interfering with education, pursuit of knowledge, or fair evaluation of a student's performance is considered an Honor Code Violation. Honor Code violations fall under three categories: Plagiarism, Cheating and Facilitating Academic Dishonesty.

Plagiarism is the intentional offering of the words, ideas, or computer data programs and/or graphics of others for one's own in any academic exercise; or unacknowledged or falsely acknowledged presentation of another person's ideas, expressions, or original research as one's own work. Such an act often gives the reader the impression that the student has written or thought something that he or she has in fact borrowed from another.

Cheating is giving, receiving, or using, or attempting to give, receive, or use unauthorized assistance, information or study aids in academic work, or preventing or attempting to prevent another from using authorized assistance, information, or study aids and/or intentional actions taken to gain unfair or undue advantage over others.

Facilitating Academic Dishonesty is the intentional help, or attempt to help, another student to violate any provision of this Code.

Academic dishonesty is unfair to other students, and demeaning to those who engage in it. It will not be tolerated in the Atlanta Public Schools System. Any student, staff or administrator may report a suspected honor violation. Students may also self-report honor code violations. Academic dishonesty is defined in the Atlanta Public Schools Board Policy JFA, and tiered consequences are enumerated in the Atlanta Public Schools Student Handbook. North Atlanta outlines the academic integrity policy in the NAHS student handbook as well.

In an effort to help students to avoid academic dishonesty, the North Atlanta has purchased access to turnitin.com for DP and CP students to check their work for possible plagiarism before submitting the work to the teachers. All DP students also sign a 'Declaration of Authenticity' form that pledges to not commit any act of academic dishonesty in their classes as well in any work submitted to the IB.