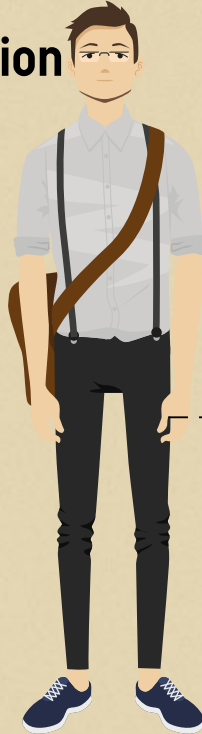


Academic Integrity

To cheat? or not to cheat?

That is the question



Is cheating wrong?

It's unfair to others

A cheater receives through deception what honest students work hard for; and in classes graded on a curve, lowers their grades.

Cheating can lead to more cheating

Students who engage in neutralization to justify cheating, even once, are more likely to engage in cheating in the future, potentially putting them on a road to a life of dishonesty.

What happens if I cheat?

Some of the possible consequences of cheating

You could not get caught or you could get caught with little or no consequences.

Your grade suffers, and you receive disciplinary action.

Some colleges and Universities, like Oberlin College operate on a strict honor code and expel students who cheat.

You get fired from your job and can't get a recommendation for a new job.

A damaged reputation can result in the loss of many opportunities and privileges.

In the U.S Armed Forces Cheating is punished according to the Code of Military Justice.

What is cheating?

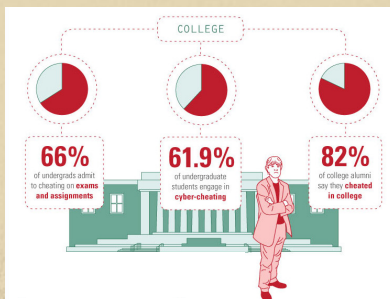
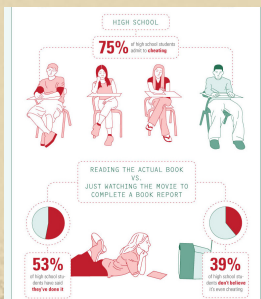
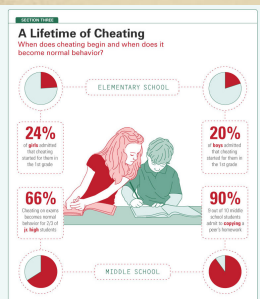
- Copying homework or assignments
- Giving or receiving answers on a test
- Turning in the work of others as your own
- Assisting anyone else in cheating

What is NOT cheating?

- Collaborating on projects
- Getting inspiration from others
- Sharing notes
- Using the words or ideas of others and citing the source



How common is cheating?



Possibly the worst consequence of cheating:

You cheat yourself because you don't learn the material. It can make the next step in learning more difficult, can cause stress, and can affect your self-esteem and confidence.

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