

LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

REVISED
Students

Policy 5131.9

Academic Honesty

~~The Board of Education believes that personal integrity is basic to all solid achievement. Students will reach their full potential only by being honest with themselves and with others.~~

~~The Board expects students to respect the educational purpose underlying all school activities. All students need to prove to themselves that they can do successful work as a result of their own efforts. The Board expects that students will not cheat, lie, or plagiarize.~~

~~The Board recognizes that students are more inclined to cheat when there is little likelihood of getting caught. Each school shall provide an environment that encourages honesty. Students must know that their teachers will not ignore or condone cheating and that anyone discovered cheating will be penalized.~~

~~Teachers shall instruct students in research and study skills appropriate to each subject, so that all students may feel confident that if they prepare, they can succeed without cheating. Students shall be encouraged to see tests as a means for finding out what they have learned. They shall be reminded that students who cheat on tests are cheating themselves.~~

The Board of Education firmly believes that academic honesty and personal integrity are crucial to a student's education and character development. Students, parents/guardians, staff, and administrators shall be responsible for creating and maintaining a positive school climate that encourages honesty. Students are expected to engage in their academic pursuits honestly and are to abstain from cheating, lying, plagiarism, or any other form of academic dishonesty. Students found to have committed an act of academic dishonesty shall be subject to district and school-site discipline rules.

Legal Reference: BOARD POLICY
5144 - Discipline

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