

## **Students**

### **Student Conduct**

#### **Cheating**

The Hamden Board of Education is opposed to all forms of cheating by students within the Hamden Public Schools. For the purpose of this policy, the misrepresenting by students of homework, classwork, tests, reports or other assignments as if they were entirely their own work shall be considered forms of cheating. The Board expects students will not cheat, lie or plagiarize.

It is the responsibility of the individual classroom teacher to provide vigilance in order to minimize the incidence of cheating. Test security is the responsibility of the teacher and should not be delegated.

Students must know teachers will not ignore or condone cheating, and anyone discovered cheating will be penalized. Consequences for cheating should be academic in nature, unless repeated incidences of, cheating warrant disciplinary action by the administration. Consequences for cheating should take into account the grade level of the student and the severity of the misrepresentation. Teachers have the prerogative to assign a consequence for cheating, but such consequences must be consistent for all students throughout the district. "Due process" must be provided to students accused of cheating.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

52-572 Parental liability for torts of minors. Damage defined.

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