



CHRISTA MCAULIFFE ACADEMY  
**SCHOOL OF  
ARTS AND SCIENCES**  
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**Academic Integrity Policy**

SAS will not tolerate cheating, plagiarism, or facilitating academic dishonesty and serious consequences will result from such behaviors including receiving an “F” for the assignment in question or for the course. Repeated violations may result in expulsion from the school.

**I. PHILOSOPHY**

Academic integrity is founded upon and encompasses the following five values: honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. Supporting and affirming these values is essential to promoting and maintaining a high level of academic integrity. Each member of the academic community must stand accountable for his or her actions. As a result, a community develops in which students learn the responsibilities of citizenship and how to contribute honorably to their professions.

If knowledge is to be gained and properly evaluated, it must be pursued under conditions free from dishonesty. Deceit and misrepresentations are incompatible with the fundamental activity of this academic institution and shall not be tolerated. Members of the SAS community are expected to foster in their own work the spirit of academic honesty and not to tolerate its abuse by others.

First responsibility for academic integrity lies with individual students and faculty members of this community. A violation of academic integrity is an act harmful to all other students, faculty and, ultimately, the school.

Students are expected to practice responsible and honest behavior. Acts of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated at SAS and are listed below:

- Cheating on tests, homework, or grading of assignments
- Fabrication (any intentional falsification or invention of date, citation, or other authority in an academic exercise)
- Unauthorized collaboration
- Plagiarism (stealing and passing off as one’s own the words or ideas of another)
- Theft or alteration of materials

Violation of this policy will result in:

*First Offense:* The student will lose all credit for the assignment and/or test with no makeup permitted. If the assignment is a standard in the course, the standard must still be completed to the appropriate performance level. Parents will be contacted and violation may result in loss of school privileges.

*Second Offense:* The second offense of academic dishonesty in any course, in any year, will result in the student being dropped from that course with a grade of "F" and no credit will be given. Parents will be contacted and there will be a loss of school privileges.

*Third Offense:* The third offense of academic dishonesty in any course, in any year, will result in a grade of "F" for that course and dismissal from SAS.