

Students

Academic Dishonesty/Plagiarism

The Capitol Region Education Council (CREC) is committed to maintaining a learning environment grounded in academic integrity, honesty, and ethical conduct. Academic honesty is fundamental to the educational process and to the development of responsible and ethical citizens.

Academic dishonesty and plagiarism undermine the mission of CREC and will not be tolerated. Students are expected to complete all academic work honestly and in accordance with teacher, school, and district expectations.

Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating; plagiarism; fabrication or falsification of information; unauthorized collaboration; misuse of technology; and submission of work completed by another person, service, or artificial intelligence tool without authorization.

Plagiarism is presenting another individual's or entity's ideas, words, data, or work—whether from a person, publication, website, digital source, or artificial intelligence system—as one's own without proper acknowledgment or citation.

Violations of this policy shall result in academic and/or disciplinary consequences consistent with due process, the CREC Student Code of Conduct, and applicable state and federal law.

The Executive Director or designee shall establish administrative regulations to implement this policy.

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CAPITOL REGION EDUCATION COUNCIL
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This regulation establishes consistent, equitable, and instructional procedures for preventing, identifying, documenting, and responding to incidents of academic dishonesty and plagiarism.

Instruction and Prevention

Teachers shall provide instruction in academic integrity, proper research and citation practices, ethical collaboration, and responsible use of technology and artificial intelligence. Assignment expectations shall be clearly communicated.

Use of Technology and Artificial Intelligence

Generative artificial intelligence tools may only be used when explicitly authorized by the teacher. When permitted, students must disclose the nature and extent of such use. Unauthorized or undisclosed AI use constitutes plagiarism.

Identification and Review

When academic dishonesty is suspected, the teacher shall document relevant evidence, meet privately with the student, and provide the student an opportunity to respond.

Consequences

Consequences shall be progressive and may include re-teaching, loss of credit, parent/guardian notification, administrative referral, and discipline consistent with CREC policies.

Records

All records shall be maintained in accordance with FERPA and CREC record-retention requirements.