



## Academic Integrity Policy

Each member of the Farmingdale State College campus community is expected to maintain academic integrity. Farmingdale State College has developed regulations concerning academic dishonesty and integrity to protect all students and to maintain an ethical academic environment. This includes prohibiting any form of academic dishonesty as outlined below.

Academic dishonesty cannot be condoned or tolerated in a college community. Such behavior is considered a violation of the Student Code of Conduct, and students found guilty of committing an intentional act of fraud, cheating or plagiarizing will be disciplined and face penalties.

The College regards academic dishonesty as an intentional act of fraud, in which a student seeks to claim credit for the work or efforts of another individual without correct documentation, or uses unauthorized, undocumented or fabricated information in any academic exercise.

The College also considers academic dishonesty to include forging of academic documents, intentionally impeding or damaging the academic work of others, or assisting other students in acts of dishonesty. Academic dishonesty is divided into four categories which are defined as follows:

- **Cheating:** Intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized materials (including all electronic devices), information or study aids in any academic exercise.
- **Fabrication:** Unauthorized falsification or invention of any information or citation in an academic exercise.
- **Facilitating Academic Dishonesty:** Knowingly helping someone commit an act of academic dishonesty.
- **Plagiarism:** Intentionally representing the content (e.g., words, images, sounds, etc.) design, or ideas of another as one's own in any academic exercise. This includes content, design, or ideas in either print or electronic format.

Academic dishonesty is morally wrong, and such behavior interferes with learning and intellectual development. Therefore, all members of the campus community have the responsibility to prevent dishonesty, protect honest students, and enforce campus policies. These responsibilities include but are not limited to the following:

- faculty members have the responsibility to establish standards of academic integrity and disciplinary policies in cases of academic dishonesty (consistent with the standards and policies of the College) and to include a statement of those standards on their course syllabi.

- students have the responsibility to abstain from academic dishonesty or facilitating the dishonest behavior of others.

Violation of the academic integrity policy is strictly prohibited and may result in a disciplinary action ranging from a warning letter to probation, suspension, or dismissal from the College with a permanent transcript notation. Please refer to the Student Code of Conduct Article IV and V found on the Farmingdale State College website under “Policies.”

It is strongly recommended that any violation of the academic integrity policy be reported to the Dean of Students. The Dean of Students will consult with faculty regarding possible disciplinary action and will bring repeated violations to the attention of the appropriate department chair and/or school dean. Individual departments are encouraged to establish appropriate disciplinary procedures and to make certain that the criteria are understood and enforced by both full-time and part-time faculty.

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**Student’s signed pledge and affirmation of receipt:**

I have received a copy of Farmingdale State College's Academic Integrity Policy. As a member of this campus community, I pledge to live by, fully support and uphold the Farmingdale State College Academic Integrity Policy during my academic career at Farmingdale State College.

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Student’s signature

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Date

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Student’s Name (printed)

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