

Cheating /Plagiarism:

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Academic Honesty Policy – Cheating and Plagiarism

- Our vision for learning at Spokane Virtual Learning (SVL) is that we demand the highest standard of achievement and excellence from our students. Optimal learning and rigor are the result of students developing and communicating their own thinking and findings in a disciplined community.
- The SVL community supports development of well-rounded students who personify trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, and good character.
- Cheating as defined by Spokane Public Schools Policy 3200 is, but is not limited to, knowingly submitting the work of others represented as his/her own (i.e., copying from others, using information or technology not authorized by the teacher, asking someone for improper help on an assignment/exam, and/or gaining or providing unauthorized access to exam materials). Cheating also includes the aiding and abetting of cheating by others.
- Plagiarism as defined by Spokane Public Schools Policy 3200 is, but is not limited to, the unauthorized use of the language and thoughts of another author and the representation of them as one's own. It is the students' responsibility to clearly document the source of information used in work submitted as their own (as defined by the MLA Handbook).
- Incidences of cheating are dealt with according to the following SVL student discipline policy.
 - **Step 1:** Upon confirmation of cheating/plagiarism, the teacher will discuss the incident with the student and call home to discuss with a parent. The student will be required to redo the assignment and the teacher has the discretion to either give a zero on the assignment or re-grade the assignment for reduced points. The teacher will notify the office so that the incident is recorded in the student's discipline record. The size/value of the assignment does not mitigate/lessen the impact of the consequence.
 - **Step 2:** Upon confirmation of a second incident of cheating/plagiarism, the teacher will follow Step 1, and in addition, refer the student to an administrator for discipline. Discipline may include, but is not limited to, After School Detention. At After School Detention, the student will be assigned the Academic Honesty research assignment.
 - **Step 3:** Upon confirmation of a third incident of cheating/plagiarism, the teacher will follow Step 1 and refer the student to an administrator for progressive discipline, which may include, but is not limited to, short-term suspension or removal from class with an "F" grade.