

Culminating Challenge: Academic Integrity Contract

In the pursuit of knowledge and scholarship, all members of the academic community at Monroe High School must be committed to the integrity of the Culminating Challenge. To fulfill their part of this commitment, students must refrain from participating in acts of academic dishonesty. Any of the following acts, when committed by a student, is an act of academic dishonesty decreases the value of the genuine achievements of others.

Plagiarism:

- Copying or presenting material verbatim from any source without using quotation marks and the appropriate documentation or by using improper documentation of the source.
- Copying from any source and altering a few words to avoid exact quotation, without the appropriate documentation or by using improper documentation of the source.
- Rewording the major concept found in a source but then omitting documentation or improperly citing the source.
- Submitting as one's own any work (i.e., paper, project, speech, etc.) created by someone else.
- Having someone other than the student correct the mistakes on a paper or speech (Someone may suggest revisions, but the work must be the student's.).

Cheating:

- Copying work from another person.
- Stealing or having in one's possession without permission any materials, or property belonging to or having been generated by faculty, staff, or another student.
- Fabricating data and information (i.e., mentor information, activity logs, etc.).

Other Acts of Academic Dishonesty

- Willfully offering to do another student's work (i.e., assignments, paper, project, etc.).
- Doing another student's work, excluding collaborative learning assignments or joint assignments approved by the instructor.
- Forging signatures

Students who choose to behave unethically will forfeit their privilege to participate in commencement ceremonies.

Students will have an opportunity to present a product of original work at a post-commencement board. If the student passes the board and satisfies the minimum graduation requirements- the student will still earn their high school diploma.

I, _____ and my parent/guardian,
_____ are committed to academic integrity regarding the Culminating Project. We understand the consequences of unethical behavior.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____