ACADEMIC HONESTY

Broward College expects its students to be honest in all of their coursework and activities. Breaches of academic honesty include, but are not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, misrepresentation, bribery, and the unauthorized possession of examinations, papers, or other class materials that have not been formally released by instructors. A student's academic work must be the result of his or her own thought, research, or self-expression. The term "cheating," includes but is not limited to, copying homework assignments from another student; working together with another individual on a take-home test or homework when specifically prohibited from doing so by the instructor, looking at text, notes or another person's paper during an examination when not permitted to do so.

Cheating also includes the giving of work formation to another student to be copied and/or used as his or her own. This includes, but is not limited to, giving someone answers to exam questions either when the exam is being given or after having taken an exam; informing another student of specific questions that appear or have appeared on an exam in the same academic term; giving or selling a term paper, report, project or other restricted written materials to another student. The term "plagiarism" includes, but is not limited to, an attempt of an individual to claim the work of another as the product of his or her own thoughts, regardless of whether that work has been published.

Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to, quoting improperly or paraphrasing text or other written materials without proper citation on an exam, term paper, homework, or other written material submitted to an instructor as one's own work. Plagiarism also includes handing in a paper to an instructor that was purchased from a term paper service or downloaded from the Internet and presenting another person's academic work as one's own. Individual academic departments may provide additional examples in writing of what does and does not constitute plagiarism, provided that such examples do not conflict with the intent of this policy.

Breaches of Broward College's policy on academic honesty may result in academic penalties and/or disciplinary action. At the discretion of the instructor, academic penalties may include, but are not limited to, a failing grade for a particular assignment or a failing grade for the course. In addition, the instructor or another BC employee may refer a student to the Dean of Student Affairs for student disciplinary action in accordance with the BC Student Handbook. Such discipline may include suspension or expulsion from the College.