



1. Rationale

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is committed to Character Education as exemplified by our board's Commit to Character traits.

2. Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) to ensure that learning environments promote honesty and recognize the work of others. Cheating and plagiarism will not be condoned.

3. Definitions

3.1 Honesty is behaving in a sincere, trustworthy and truthful manner.

3.2 Cheating is an act of dishonesty.

3.3 Plagiarism is an act of dishonesty. Plagiarism is the use of the language, products, and/or thoughts of others presented as one's own.

4. Guidelines

4.1 Principals will work with teachers to provide students and parents with information about what constitutes cheating and plagiarism.

4.2 Principals will ensure that teachers embed instructional strategies into their program to develop and promote honesty and the recognition of the work of others.

4.3 Consequences for cheating and plagiarism will be based on four factors: the grade level of the student, the maturity of the student, the number and frequency of the incidents and individual mitigating circumstances.

4.4 A variety of plagiarism identification methods may be used by schools.

4.5 To address freedom of information and protection of privacy, all schools electing to use third party plagiarism detection software must adhere to the Privacy of Information agreement between the respective company and the SCDSB.

5. Administrative Procedures

The Director of Education is authorized to provide the administrative procedures necessary to implement this policy.