

EXPECTED BEHAVIOUR – ACADEMIC HONESTY

Stouffville District S.S. students are expected to think independently and behave honestly. True learning in an intellectually stimulating environment is enhanced when students consistently demonstrate respect for the intellectual property rights of others in all evaluated activities. Students are also expected to complete their tests or mid-term/final exams independently. Students are not permitted to speak to each other or out loud to themselves during quizzes/ tests/exams or to use unauthorized aids or resources of any kind.

Whether *intentional or through ignorance* of the rules, acts of academic dishonesty will lead to severe consequences for students. For YRDSB definitions of cheating and plagiarism, refer to the Academic Honesty section in the YRDSB **Guide to the School Year** booklet.

REASONS FOR EXPECTED BEHAVIOUR

Honesty is an important character trait. Credits are granted to reflect a student’s own effort and achievement.

CONSEQUENCES

Cheating/plagiarism will lead to actions such as: oral and/or written warning or reprimand, a make-up assignment or rewrite may be given at the discretion of the teacher, a failing grade or mark of zero, referral to an administrator, parent/guardian contact, and a suspension.

Appeals may be heard by the department head, and/or vice-principal and/or the principal.
