

Mira Costa Ethics Policy

To create a fair and positive learning environment, the Mira Costa administration and faculty require that students act with honesty at all times in their academic endeavors. To this end, the following policy has been established to promote academic integrity and to establish consequences in cases of unethical behavior.

The development of academic integrity in students is a significant priority at Mira Costa High School. This document encourages administrators, teachers, students and parents to become partners in this goal. The Manhattan Beach Unified School District encourages students to explore ideas and achieve success as a result of their own efforts and expects students to take their responsibilities as ethical learners seriously.



How The Policy Works



The Mira Costa Ethics Policy operates on a cumulative point basis over a student's four-year tenure at the school, during the regular school year.

On subsequent offenses, students receive the consequences for the total number of points they have accumulated at that time. For example, after a four point offense, a student would receive the consequences for eight points if he or she had previously accumulated four points.

Points	Ethics Offense	Consequence
2	Copying HW Allowing someone to copy your homework Cheating on a quiz Giving/Receiving answers about a quiz	0 on assignment (t) U in citizenship (t) 1 hour detention (a) Parent Contact (a)
4	Cheating on a major assignment Cheating on an exam Giving/Receiving answers on an exam Plagiarism	0 on assignment (t) U in citizenship (t) 1 study zone (a) Parent Contact (a)
6a	Three 2 point offenses Any combination of a 2 and 4 point offense	0 on assignment (t) U in citizenship (t) 2-day suspension (a)
6b	Stealing a test or assessment Reproducing, altering or taking a photo/ screenshot of a test or assessment Altering a teacher's gradebook/website or other records	0 on assignment (t) U in citizenship (t) 4-day suspension (a) Removal from the class (a) Recommendation for expulsion (a) Referral to law enforcement (a)
8	Any cumulative series of points 2 through 6b above totaling 8 points	Consequences at offending point level 5-day suspension in lieu of offending level suspension (a)
10	Any cumulative series of points 2 through 6b above totaling 10 points	Consequences at offending point level 5-day suspension and 2 study zones in lieu of offending level suspension and study zones (a)
12	Any cumulative series of points 2 through 6b above totaling 12 points	Consequences at offending point level 5-day suspension and 4 study zones in lieu of offending level suspension and study zones (a) Recommendation for expulsion (a)
		(t) teacher responsibility (a) administrator responsibility