

Beverly Hills Unified School District Elementary and Middle School Policies for Cheating, Cell Phones and Dress Code

The Beverly Hills Unified School District believes that the school and the home should be engaged in a partnership to teach the values of integrity, truth, personal accountability and respect for the rights of others.

Cheating- Defined

Students should understand that, among other things, cheating includes communicating with another student during an exam, copying material during an exam, allowing another student to copy from their exam paper, using unauthorized notes or devices, submitting falsified information for grading purposes, obtaining and supplying a copy and/or information about an exam without the knowledge and consent of the teacher, submitting work written by another person (except as outlined below *), submitting work written by the student for another assignment without the instructor's knowledge or consent (self-plagiarism), copying another person's assignment (s), allowing another student to copy his or her assignment, or taking home exams without the knowledge and consent of the instructor.

** When a student submits an assignment, that assignment should be only his or her own work unless the teacher has specifically set up the assignment as a group project or other collaborative assignment. In such cases, the names of all students involved in the group process should be listed on the assignment. If the teacher has not designated the assignment as a group project, submitting an assignment written by more than one person is **plagiarism**.*

Consequences for Cheating (middle school):

First Infraction:

- The test or assignment on which the cheating occurred will receive a grade of zero.
- Conduct mark may be lowered.
- Referral will be made to assistant principal.
- Parent will be notified by the teacher and a conference will be held with the assistant principal, teacher, parent and student. Student and parent will sign a contract to acknowledge consequences for further infractions.

Second Infraction:

- The student will receive a grade of F in the class.
- Conduct mark will be lowered.
- Referral will be made to assistant principal.
- Parent will be notified by the teacher and a conference will be held with assistant principal, counselor, parent, student and teacher.
- The student will be suspended.

Consequences for cheating (elementary school) :

First Infraction:

- The assignment will not count in the grade calculation.
- Referral will be made to the assistant principal.
- Parent will be notified by the teacher and a conference will be held with the teacher and the student.

Second infraction:

- The assignment will not count in the grade calculation.
- Conduct mark may be lowered.
- Referral will be made to the assistant principal.
- Cheating will be noted in the comment section of the report card.
- Student may be suspended.

Cell phones (Kindergarten through Eighth Grade) :

All K-8 Beverly Hills Schools are cell phone free zones. Cell phones may not be seen or heard at any time during the school day in any location. Cell phones may not be used inside the buildings after school. I understand that if I bring my cell phone to school, it is at my own risk and that the school is not responsible for lost or stolen cell phones.

First infraction:

- Cell phone will be confiscated and it must be picked up by a parent and/or guardian in the assistant principal's office at the close of the following school day.

Second infraction:

- Cell phone will be confiscated and it must be picked up by a parent and/or guardian in the assistant principal's office after one week.

Third infraction:

- Student will not be allowed to bring a cell phone to school for the remainder of the school year.

Dress Code (Kindergarten through Eighth Grade):

- No revealing clothing. Students shall not wear sheer blouses, bare midriff or revealing tank tops, tube tops, open backed shirts, halter tops, spaghetti straps or low-cut necklines.
- Short skirts and short shorts are not allowed.
- Leggings or tights must be covered by shorts, dress, or skirt.
- Students shall not wear sagging or oversized pants or shirts. Belts, wallet chains, etc., may not hang down.
- Undergarments shall not be visible.
- Hats or hoods may not be worn in class.
- No clothing, backpacks, or hats that suggest a gang affiliation, bear inappropriate logos including graffiti style language/logos, carry an inappropriate message (words or images that are offensive, vulgar, derogatory towards individuals or groups of people, or that promote or advertise illegal products or activities), do not provide appropriate coverage, or detract from the academic environment.
- For reasons of safety, students must wear closed toe shoes. Sandals, flip flops and slippers are not allowed.
- Make up is not permitted. Students must have clean, neat hair with natural color.
- All clothing must be neat, clean, and in good condition, reflecting a professional atmosphere of learning.

Students who do not follow these specific dress code rules or wear clothing that is inappropriate for school will be sent to the office for appropriate attire.

First Infraction:

- Referral to assistant principal for change of clothing. Parent will be contacted.

Second Infraction:

- Referral to assistant principal. Parent must bring a change of clothes and meet with assistant principal.

Third Infraction:

- Referral to assistant principal. Student may be suspended.