

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY POLICY

What is our objective as a body of learning? At BCA, we value each student as an individual and as part of a community; we seek to recognize and to develop all aspects of their personhood with excellence, according to God’s highest purpose for their “heart, soul, and mind.”

In light of its Christian mandate and the need to prepare students realistically for post-secondary education, Briercrest Christian Academy expects the highest levels of integrity from students in regard to evaluation, and will, therefore, deal seriously with any act of cheating.

- I. Teachers should be very clear in communicating expectations regarding homework and assignments.
 - A. Is it an individual or a group assignment?
 - B. Are students allowed to consult other people or sources for information?
 - C. How is working with another person different than copying from another person?
- II. Teachers should be very clear in explaining the documentation process when students will be using other people or sources for research (see “BCA Writing Guidelines”).
- III. Teachers must report to the principal immediately in any case of dishonesty or cheating. Please also send a written description of the details of the incident to the principal to maintain accurate records.
- IV. After consultation with the administration, the following levels of consequences may be used to deal with dishonesty on an assignment submitted for marks or a homework assignment (the levels apply to incidents in any classes, not just repeated incidents in the same class):
 - A. First Offense: 0% on the assignment (if applicable), teacher’s documentation in the student’s file, letter/phone call to parent(s)
 - B. Second Offense: 0% on the assignment (if applicable), teacher’s documentation in the student’s file, letter/phone call to parent(s), student will be placed on a “BCA Student Referral”
 - C. Third Offense: 0% on the assignment (if applicable), teacher’s documentation in the student’s file, letter/phone call to parent(s), student will be placed on a “BCA Student Contract”, and may face dismissal from the school, including the loss of class credits in the semester of the dismissal