ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Florida Keys Community College is committed to academic integrity. As an institution of higher education we affirm the core values of diligence, civility, and honesty in the pursuit of truth. To this end, academic integrity is reinforced by standards of conduct that uphold honesty and personal responsibility. All academic work submitted by students is assumed to be the result of the student’s own thoughts, research and self-expression. Any suspicion of dishonesty in academic activities is taken very seriously because it undermines the atmosphere of respect essential to learning. Faculty will not tolerate academic dishonesty in any form, including but not limited to plagiarism, cheating, violation of copyright laws and misuse of college and personal computers.

Some examples of cheating and/or plagiarism include but are not limited to, the following:

- asking or giving another student information during a test
- copying answers from another student’s paper or intentionally allowing someone to copy from one’s own paper during a test
- using materials prohibited by the instructor during a test
- impersonating another student or having another person assume one’s identity
- copying material exactly, paraphrasing or using an idea without proper citations
- stealing an exam or possessing a stolen copy of an exam
- submitting the same assignment to another course without permission of the instructor
- inappropriately or unethically acquiring material via the internet to be turned in for an assignment

A range of actions may be taken by a faculty member if a student is caught cheating. The specific action occurs at the faculty member’s discretion and each faculty member should state their policy on cheating in the syllabus for the course.