

South Bank UTC – Academic Integrity & BTEC Agreement Policy

South Bank UTC expects all students to abide by ethical academic standards. Academic dishonesty—including plagiarism, cheating or copying the work of another, using technology for illicit purposes, or any unauthorised communication between students for the purpose of gaining advantage during an examination—is strictly prohibited.

South Bank UTC Integrity Policy covers all school-related tests, quizzes, reports, class assignments, and projects, both in and out of class. The purpose of South Bank UTC Integrity Policy is to prepare students for the reality created by the technology explosion, for the world of college and beyond, where cheating and plagiarism have dire consequences.

Plagiarism is not the same as cooperation or collaboration. Teachers often expect, even encourage, students to work on assignments collectively. This is okay, if whose work being presented is clearly relayed.

Collaboration is to work together (with permission) in a joint intellectual effort.

Plagiarism is to commit literary theft; to steal and pass off as one's own ideas or words, and to create the production of another. When you use someone else's words, you must put quotation marks around them and give the writer or speaker credit by citing the source. Even if you revise or paraphrase the words of someone else, if you use someone else's ideas, you must give the author credit. Some Internet users believe that anything available on-line is public domain. Such is not the case. Ideas belong to those who create and articulate them. To use someone else's words or ideas without giving credit to the originator is stealing.

Cheating includes, but is not limited to, copying or giving an assignment to a student to be copied (unless explicitly permitted by the teacher). Cheating also includes using, supplying, or communicating in any way unauthorized materials, including textbooks, notes, calculators, computers or other unauthorised technology, during an exam or project.

Forgery or stealing includes, but is not limited to, gaining unauthorised access to exams or answers to an exam, altering computer or grade-book records, or forging signatures for the purpose of academic advantage.

The determination that a student has engaged in academic dishonesty shall be based on specific evidence provided by the classroom teacher or other supervising professional employee, taking into consideration written materials, observation, or information from others.

Students found to have engaged in academic dishonesty shall be subject to disciplinary as well as academic penalties, as outlined below.

You must not break these rules or you will be subject to the BTEC system of penalties and in some cases, this will mean being withdrawn from this qualification.

- Do not present work done by another person as your own work. (This is called Plagiarism and it is cheating).
- If you include sections of work completed by someone else, you must provide a reference section to say who has done the work.
- Never copy another student's work and pretend it is your own – this breaks the examination rules.
- Never print off pages of written work from the internet – pictures are fine if they are included in your reference section.
- Do not copy and paste from the internet – it is copying and, therefore, cheating.

I have read and understood the above policy and will adhere to the terms of the Academic Integrity Policy UTC

Name..... Signature: (Student)..... Date:.....

Name..... Signature: (Parent)..... Date:.....