Policy Narrative

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I. Academic Integrity

In order to carry out North Idaho College’s Mission and to create a community of learners, the students, faculty, staff, and administrators must share common principles or values. These values—which include honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility—make up academic integrity.

II. Academic Dishonesty

Violations of academic integrity involve using or attempting to use any method that enables an individual to misrepresent the quality or integrity of his or her work at North Idaho College. These violations include the following:
- **Cheating:** using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, or study in any academic exercise.
- **Fabrication:** falsifying or inventing any information or citation in an academic exercise.
- **Plagiarism:** knowingly representing the words or ideas of another as one’s own in an academic exercise.
- **Violation of Intellectual Property:** stealing, altering, or destroying the academic work of other members of the community or the educational resources, materials, or official documents of the college.
- **Facilitating Academic Dishonesty:** knowingly helping another to attempt to violate any provisions of this policy.

### III. Responsibilities of Students

NIC students will show their commitment to academic integrity by not giving, providing, or receiving assistance without permission when completing examinations or any other official assignments used by instructors as the basis for grading.

Furthermore, all members of the college have the responsibility to:

- a. detect incidents of academic dishonesty, falsification of documents, and facilitating academic dishonesty, and will report serious instances when they merit “External Resolution," adhering to the requirements of FERPA.
- b. provide assistance and cooperation in the prosecution of alleged offenders.

Violations of this honor code will result in corrective and/or disciplinary actions described in the procedures. If a student chooses to appeal a penalty imposed, he or she will follow the steps outlined in the procedure.

### IV. Responsibilities of Faculty and Administrators

Members of NIC’s faculty and administration will show their commitment to academic integrity by demonstrating trust and respect for students, colleagues, and members of the community and by practicing the principles of academic integrity both inside and outside of the classroom. (Also see NIC’s Professional Ethics Policy 3.05.1.)