



Orange County Academic Decathlon

Academic Integrity Policy

Academic Integrity Authority

In order to ensure the integrity of the Orange County Academic Decathlon program, a strict code of conduct will be enforced by the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE). Cheating, in any form, will not be tolerated and immediate action will be taken if it should occur. All Decathlon students must agree to perform on all tests in a manner consistent with the highest standards of honesty and integrity, and to comply with all program rules, whether testing at school or the competition site. It is the sole responsibility of the Decathlon coach to ensure that each student participant knows, understands, and agrees to this Academic Integrity Policy.

Proctors will oversee testing for Academic Decathlon student participants and will report any incidents of testing misconduct to the Academic Decathlon competition manager. Student participants who are witness to academic integrity violations must notify the proctor immediately.

All violations will be reviewed by the Academic Decathlon competition manager and final sanctions regarding the violation will be decided by the Academic Events team at OCDE.

Academic Integrity Violations

Academic dishonesty can take a number of forms including, but not limited to:

- ▶ Cheating: Using or attempting to use unauthorized assistance, information or study aids during academic competition. Examples include but are not limited to the following:
 - Using notes, resource guides, or books during testing.
 - Looking at another student's testing materials.
 - Using electronic devices, such as cell phones, computers, tablets, internet or other devices. (Graphing calculators permitted only for the math test.)
 - Working on the test before or after the allotted time.
 - Tampering with testing materials by way of receiving, intercepting, or removing tests from testing rooms.
 - Having advanced knowledge or possession of a test or testing materials prior to an exam.
 - Helping or attempting to aid another student to violate any of part of this Academic Integrity Policy.
 - Talking with/communicating with another person during testing to give or receive help on the test.
 - Taking photos of questions on the computer screen or in the test booklet.

Academic Integrity Sanctions

If it is determined that an Academic Decathlon student participant has committed any of the violations listed above, scores for that student will be nullified. If it is determined that a coach has committed any of the violations listed above, team scores will be nullified.

As a student, I agree to abide by the Academic Integrity Policy and understand that:

- Calculators can only be used on the math test.
- I cannot have a purse, bag, or backpack near my seat in the testing room.
- I cannot be in possession of a cell phone or smart watch during testing and Super Quiz.
- I can only take the tests during the testing window on competition day.
- Curriculum materials (electronic or hard copies) and the Decathlon novel cannot be visible during objective testing nor in the gym during the Super Quiz event.
- During the Super Quiz event, I will not look at audience members during the question and answer period.

Your signature below is confirmation that you have reviewed and agree to the Academic Integrity Policy.

| | <u>Print Student Name</u> | <u>Grade</u> | <u>Signature</u> |
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Signature of Coach

Date

Name of School