



## 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 at home. It is the sole responsibility of the Decathlon coach to ensure that each student participant knows, understands, and agrees to this Academic Integrity Policy.

On competition day in 2021, coaches will proctor 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 coach 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 unless permitted by competition rules.
  - 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 receive help or answers to the test.
  - Taking photos of questions on the computer screen.

### **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.



# Orange County Academic Decathlon Academic Integrity Policy Form Students and Coaches



Please have **all** Academic Decathlon students review the Academic Integrity Policy and sign this form. A signature is confirmation that the Academic Integrity Policy has been reviewed and agreed to.

**Print Student Name**

**Grade**

**Signature**

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Signature of coach

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Date

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Name of school

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Name of team