



Academic Honesty: Creating the Best Possible You

Students Will Be Able To

- 1. Define what academic honesty is*
 - 2. Identify resources for and benefits of maintaining academic honesty*
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Materials

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[Virtual High School](#) video

[Ronald Williams Library](#) video

[Brian Fraser](#) video

[Waterloo University](#) video

Introduction

Ask students: If you were playing baseball, how would you feel if the opposing team could play twice the number of players? Or if they had a smaller strike zone when batting, and your team had a larger strike zone?

Defining Academic Honesty

This idea of an unfair baseball game is discussed in the following video posted by [Virtual High School](#). [Run time is 1:13.]

In this video posted by [Ronald Williams Library](#), here are some basic guidelines about how to stay academically honest. [Run time is 1:33.]





Maintaining Academic Honesty

In this video created by [Brian Fraser](#), a software systems professor, he highlights some of the traps to avoid to remain academically honest. [Run time is 2:06.]

- **Ask students:** What are some of the problems that can lead to academic dishonesty?
- How can you avoid those problems?

From a [Turnitin.com blog post](#) dated 10/24/17,

“Academic integrity means anticipating pressure. At every stage of an academic or professional career, an individual will encounter deadlines, stress, and pressure. Acting with integrity means planning ahead for these challenges and seeking resources to support responsible decision-making.”

- **Ask students:** What pressures have you faced?
- What resources do you use to “support responsible decision-making”?

Benefits of Academic Honesty

Again, from the Turnitin blog post: *“Academic integrity goes beyond the classroom. Roy T. Bennett once said: “Do what is right, not what is easy...” Students need to understand that acting with integrity will not simply affect their grades at the end of the semester, but will influence how they live their whole lives.”*

- **Ask students:** How does living with integrity in academic settings affect your life outside of school?

In this video created by [Waterloo University](#), a student highlights the benefits of academic honesty. [Run time is 1:06.]

