COLLUSION AND HOW TO AVOID IT

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What is Collusion?

According to the Collin College *Student Code of Conduct*,

“**Collusion** includes, but is not limited to, intentionally or unintentionally aiding or attempting to aid another in an act of scholastic dishonesty; failing to secure academic work; providing a paper or project to another student; providing an inappropriate level of assistance; unauthorized collaboration or communicating answers to a classmate about an examination or course assignment; and allowing a classmate to copy answers.”
What is Collusion?

Collusion is a form of scholastic dishonesty. Acts of collusion can be purposeful or unintentional.

Common examples of collusion are:

- Two students in the same class submitting a substantially similar essay, homework or computer program assignment.
- One student providing another with a copy of a completed assignment, only to have the assignment duplicated and submitted for credit with a new name.
- Study or lab partners submitting duplicate solution reports.
What is Acceptable?

- Approved group work and group presentations; collaborative assignments
- Discussions on books, journals articles, online sources, and other resources with other students
- Study groups to study and review information for an upcoming exam
- Sharing resources as long as the work is composed and completed individually
What is Not Acceptable?

- To offer or show your work to another student
- To share data by students so they can have access to each other’s work
- Looking at or borrowing another students’ work without that student’s consent
- Using another student’s work with or without that student’s consent
- Writing joint reports and assignments and then using the report as a basis for your work
- Uploading work onto a website or online forum so that other students can use it or even purchase it
How Do You Avoid Collusion?

The simplest way to avoid collusion is to not share your work with others and to protect your work at all times, especially if you are working in an area with other students, for example, the library.

If another student takes your work without your consent or prior knowledge, then you could be held accountable as well!

If you need to leave your work area while working on an assignment or essay, then safeguard your work so that nobody can access it or obtain it.

Always give yourself time to check your work thoroughly (and, you can also submit a draft of your assignment or essay to your instructor) before you submit it for assessment.
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