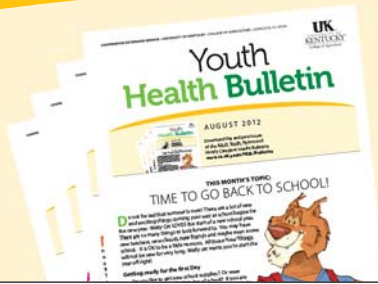


# Youth Health Bulletin



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## THIS MONTH'S TOPIC: DON'T BE A CHEATER!

**H**ave you ever been sitting in a class and noticed someone looking at another person's paper during a test? Or perhaps you have noticed one student copying the homework of another student because he or she did not complete their own assignment? If you have seen this before, you have seen cheating.

### What is cheating?

When someone uses another person's work as their own or looks at another student's test and uses their answers, that is considered cheating. When someone acts dishonestly about what they did, that is cheating. Some cases of cheating include:



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- Someone lying about their age or where they live so they can be on a certain sports team
- Copying another students work
- Using another person's idea for a book report (or any school project) as your own

It may seem like people who cheat are lucky. They get to watch TV or play video games while you are studying or writing. But when people learn that a person is a cheater, many people lose respect for that person. A cheater may feel bad too. Cheaters may be afraid of getting caught or they know they did not earn the grade they got.

### Why would anyone cheat?

Some kids might cheat because they want to do things other than homework. Some kids may also feel like they have to cheat to get a good grade and that they would not be about to get that good grade without cheating.

If there is some reason that a kid could not finish an assignment, he or she would be better off talking to the teacher about the reason the homework was not finished. If there is always a problem with finishing the homework, perhaps having a talk with the teacher and parents may help.

Did you know that many kids feel tempted to cheat? Most of them do not cheat and do the work

instead. Some kids cheat once and because it feels so bad, they never cheat again. Other kids may cheat once and get caught. Some kids may start cheating and feel like they cannot stop.

Kids that get caught cheating may get a "0" on an assignment, be asked to redo the work or be required to have a conference with their teacher and parents. After a kid gets caught cheating, he or she may not be trusted by a parent or will be watched more carefully by a teacher.



Although some kids you know may cheat, it is never a good idea. Even though it may seem like a kid who cheats has it easy, in the end, it is never worth it. Study and work hard on your assignments and be proud of the work you do.

#### REFERENCE:

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### Word Scramble

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UTSDY: \_\_\_\_\_

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ANSWERS: Don't Cheat, Study, Work Hard, Copying Is Cheating, Be Proud Of Your Work



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