ENHANCING ACADEMIC INTEGRITY
Tried and True Strategies

AUTHENTIC ASSESSMENTS

Authentic Assessments is the blanket term for assignments which ‘break the mold’ of traditional exams and quizzes, allowing students to demonstrate their learning through means which tend to be more closely aligned with the skills or competencies the course is designed to foster.

BUILD TRUST AND SUPPORT

Deliberately fostering a classroom environment based on mutual trust and respect as well as supporting one another can enforce academic integrity because students gain a shared sense of responsibility in the course. Sometimes students feel relying on their own understanding is a risk they aren’t safe to take in a course.

ENABLE STUDENT COLLABORATION

Sometimes students are tempted to explore questionable methods because they feel overwhelmed and unsure of their understanding of the material. Fostering group work can help them to feel more confident and to build deeper understanding.

LOW STAKES ASSESSMENT

When there are only a few assignments which represent large portions of students’ grades, this can cause anxiety and stress for many. Creating smaller assignments that build on each other and have smaller grade allocations can reduce the impact on student well-being.

PROJECT-BASED LEARNING

Projects, especially inquiry-based ones, provide fewer opportunities for academic integrity issues, because their outcomes are specific to the project. Further, when the project is set and driven by the students’ interests, students tend to feel ownership and responsibility for the project.

Campus-supported tools

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