Cheating and Plagiarism:

What you need to know at Renton Technical College.

Cheating is the misrepresentation of knowledge, or

claiming to know more than you really do.
Cheating is also:

- Pretending that another’s work is yours.
- Falsifying data or research.
- Lying in order to extend a deadline or gain some other special advantage.
- Helping other people cheat.

How does Jimmie Gimmie cheat? He:

- copies an assignment or exam.
- changes a graded answer and resubmits it.
- smuggles notes in a pencil case, book, purse, eye glasses case, or other item.
- looks at material during a bathroom break
- Gives a phony excuse for missed exam.
Plagiarism is quoting or closely paraphrasing the writings or ideas of others while representing them as one’s own.

To avoid plagiarism, you must:

• Acknowledge the source when paraphrasing or summarizing material.
• Acknowledge the source of information or research that is not common knowledge.
• Identify every direct quote with quotation marks and a citation.
Plagiarism is often done inadvertently because students don’t know when or how to cite their sources. *When in doubt, cite it!*

For online help, use: www.easybib.org

Cheating or plagiarism is not acceptable at RTC.

See the student handbook for more information on both topics.