

T³: Today's Teaching Tip

Would warning students stop cheating?*

- The short answer is: not likely.
 - In response to a survey about cheating, student compared it to speeding. You may get caught, but the risk is low. So, let's **focus on consequences**, more than penalty.
1. When you cheat, it looks like you know the content, thus every-time you're faced with that material, you've got to fake it, again.
 2. Just as standing around in the gym does not build muscle mass, taking others' work does not build mental muscle.
 3. A small cheating problem seldom stays that way. Students who cheat don't do it just once, it can become a way of life.
 4. Cheating puts your personal integrity at risk.
 5. You can accomplish what you need to, without cheating.
 6. Cheating prevents you from being the person you want to be. The grades you've earned provide a sense of accomplishment.

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