

The top 5 ways students use technology to cheat

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They can do it faster and more easily than ever before. But what's most worrisome: Today's students may not think cheating is wrong.

Let's start with the facts.

According to a recent survey by Common Sense Media, 35% of teens use their cell phones to cheat.

And if you're wondering how they do it:

- 26% store info on their phone and look at it while taking a test
- 25% send text messages to friends, asking for answers
- 17% take pictures of a test – and then send it to their friends
- 20% use their phones to search for answers on the Internet
- 48% warn friends about a pop quiz with a phone call or text message

If cheating's gone high-tech, so have morals: 25% of teens consider the above actions "helping" not cheating.

When it comes to the Internet, 52% say they've engaged in some type of cheating.

But again, they don't see much wrong with it: 36% don't view downloading a paper as a serious offense, and 42% believe copying text from the Web is a minor offense at its worst.

Educators are put in the difficult spot of trying to catch something that's difficult to detect in addition to dealing with students who seem to have a loose definition of "collaboration."

At Canada's Simon Fraser University, administrators have come up with a new failing grade for cheating students: FD. Given to repeat offenders, the mark stays on a student's transcript for two years.

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