2008 Academic Integrity Survey

Each summer, the entering first year class is asked to complete a tutorial about the Honor Code in ANGEL. At the same time, they are asked to complete a survey about their academic integrity experiences in high school. While their completion of the tutorial is monitored, responses to the survey are anonymous and therefore cannot be tracked. Just over 500 students out of the class of 2012 responded to the survey questions. Their responses are summarized below.

1. Did you have an honor code in your high school? (Responses: 509)
   - Yes: 276
   - No: 233

2. Did you ever witness cheating in your high school? (Responses: 511)
   - Never: 29
   - Once: 43
   - More than once: 439

3. In what context did you witness cheating? (Check all that apply.) (Responses: 1627)
   - Witnessed cheating on a test: 396
   - Witnessed cheating on a midterm or final examination: 157
   - Witnessed cheating on a homework assignment: 426
   - Witnessed plagiarism of a research paper: 150
   - Witnessed students working together when instructed to work alone: 302
   - Witnessed students fabricating data in a lab setting: 196

4. Have you ever reported another student you suspected of cheating? (Responses: 510)
   - Yes: 84
   - No: 426

5. Have you ever interrupted a student who was cheating? (Responses: 509)
   - Never: 228
   - Once: 134
   - More than once: 147

6. Did you ever cheat during high school? (Responses: 510)
   - Never: 260
   - Once: 129
   - More than once: 121
7. If you did cheat, in what context? (Check all that apply.) (Responses: 469)
   83 - Cheated on a test
   14 - Cheated on a midterm or final examination
   12 - Plagiarized a research paper
   179 - Cheated on a homework assignment
   119 - Worked with another student when instructed to work alone
   62 - Fabricated data in a lab setting

8. Have you ever done the following in high school? (Check all that apply.) (Responses: 606)
   19 - Forged a teacher's signature (i.e. on a hall pass)
   152 - Forged a parental signature (i.e. for an absence excuse, late slip, or permission slip)
   27 - Signed in the role call for another student who missed class
   87 - Falsified data for a lab experiment
   7 - Faked a lab experiment completely
   41 - Lied to protect another student who had cheated
   273 - None of the above.

9. Which of the following actions do you consider to be dishonest? (Responses: 6320)
   483 - Forging a teacher's signature
   427 - Forging a parent's signature
   408 - Cheating on a homework assignment
   497 - Cheating on a test
   502 - Cheating on a midterm or final examination
   424 - Fabricating lab data
   486 - Completely faking a lab experiment
   496 - Plagiarizing a paper or other written assignment
   384 - Working with another student on an assignment when instructed to work alone
   455 - Signing in the role call for another student who missed class
   423 - Lying to protect another student
   448 - Lying about why you were late with an assignment
   454 - Lying about why you didn't complete an assignment
   433 - Lying about why you were absent
For items 10-23, please evaluate how dishonest you think each action is based on the options given (very dishonest, dishonest but I do it anyway, and not dishonest).

10. Forging a teacher's signature. (Responses: 509)
   471 - Very dishonest
   34 - Dishonest, but I do it anyway
   4 - Not dishonest

11. Forging an administrator's signature. (Responses: 508)
   493 - Very dishonest
   13 - Dishonest, but I do it anyway
   2 - Not dishonest

12. Cheating on a homework assignment. (Responses: 508)
   283 - Very dishonest
   201 - Dishonest, but I do it anyway
   24 - Not dishonest

13. Cheating on a test. (Responses: 507)
   470 - Very dishonest
   35 - Dishonest, but I do it anyway
   2 - Not dishonest

14. Cheating on a midterm or final examination. (Responses: 507)
   496 - Very dishonest
   11 - Dishonest, but I do it anyway
   0 - Not dishonest

15. Fabricating lab data. (Responses: 507)
   361 - Very dishonest
   120 - Dishonest, but I do it anyway
   26 - Not dishonest

16. Completely faking a lab experiment. (Responses: 506)
   477 - Very dishonest
   25 - Dishonest, but I do it anyway
   4 - Not dishonest
17. **Plagiarizing a paper or written assignment.** (Responses: 507)
   
   494 - Very dishonest  
   12 - Dishonest, but I do it anyway  
   1 - Not dishonest  

18. **Working with another student when instructed to work alone.** (Responses: 507)
   
   262 - Very dishonest  
   199 - Dishonest, but I do it anyway  
   46 - Not dishonest  

19. **Signing in for another student who missed class.** (Responses: 507)
   
   410 - Very dishonest  
   76 - Dishonest, but I do it anyway  
   21 - Not dishonest  

20. **Lying to protect another student.** (Responses: 508)
   
   346 - Very dishonest  
   130 - Dishonest, but I do it anyway  
   32 - Not dishonest  

21. **Lying to get an extension on an assignment.** (Responses: 508)
   
   398 - Very dishonest  
   100 - Dishonest, but I do it anyway  
   10 - Not dishonest  

22. **Lying about why you turned in an assignment late.** (Responses: 507)
   
   376 - Very dishonest  
   119 - Dishonest, but I do it anyway  
   12 - Not dishonest  

23. **Lying about why you were absent.** (Responses: 507)
   
   362 - Very dishonest  
   127 - Dishonest, but I do it anyway  
   18 - Not dishonest
24. What other types of cheating or dishonesty did you witness or participate in during high school that has not been asked about in this survey?

- Cheating on tests/quizzes (8)
- Cheating in sports (2)
- Lying and making excuses to miss school/leave early (5)
- Stealing tests/answer keys (4)
- Copying homework (3)
- Handing in old work
- Changing grades in teacher’s grade book (3)
- Using unauthorized sources to complete homework (i.e. Wikipedia)
- Having other people do homework/turning in others’ work (5)
- Taking credit for group work without having contributed to the work
- Helping friends when unauthorized (3)
- Forging signatures (3)
- Copying a friend’s already graded work (2)
- Sharing answers from a test/quiz given earlier in the day
- Manipulating teachers (taking advantage of new teachers to leave early, blaming teacher for having misplaced work when it wasn’t really turned in, pretending to be clueless so that a teacher waives an assignment, convincing a teacher that something was never really assigned)
- Using Spark Notes instead of doing the assigned reading
- Texting answers during an exam (2)
- Writing answers on one’s legs and wearing a skirt so that a teacher’s asking to see would be considered harassment
- Unauthorized collaboration on take home exams
- Downloading papers from the internet
- Inventing sources for papers
- Nothing that wasn’t already listed (79)