

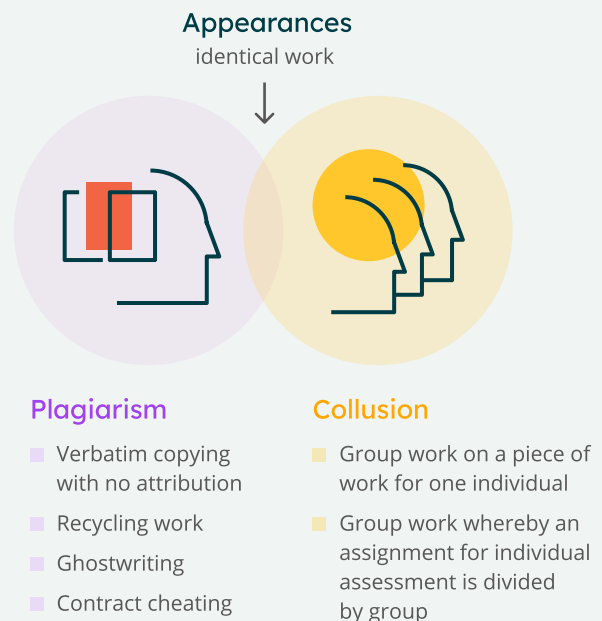
Student collusion:

The problem and prevention

What is student collusion?

Student collusion is **unauthorized collaboration** on work meant for individual assessment.

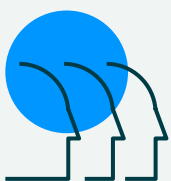
Collusion isn't always intended, but its appearance **resembles plagiarism**. Collusion is more prevalent than plagiarism because students are not clear on the definition and boundaries of collusion.



What's the difference between student collusion and ethical collaboration?

Ethical Collaboration:

When students are instructed to work together on a project assessed for a group effort. When students work together but produce original, unique assignments.



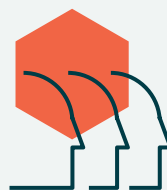
Group work where students are instructed to work together and be assessed for a group effort



Group work that produces original assignments for each student involved

Student Collusion:

When a group of students work on a piece for one individual. When a group of students divide and complete an assignment intended for individual assessment.



Group work on a piece of work for one individual



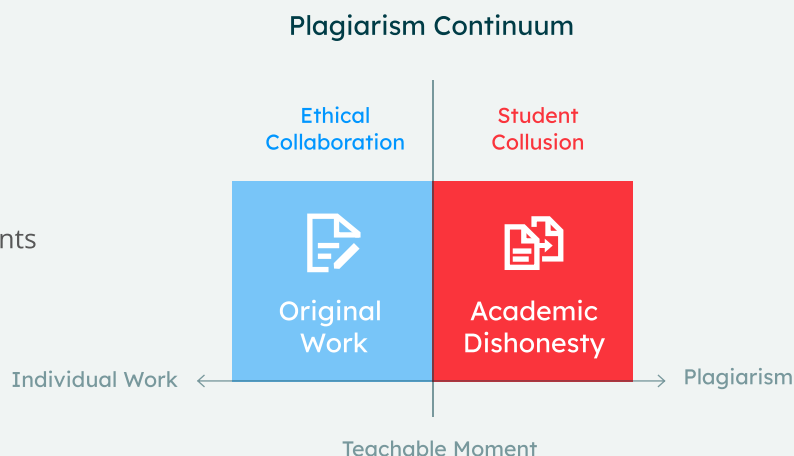
Group work whereby an assignment intended for individual assessment is divided amongst the group individuals

What can you do to prevent student collusion?

Addressing student collusion is a **teachable moment**. Students, because they do not realize student collusion is unethical, may readily admit to group work that crosses the line.

You Can:

- Help students understand collusion
- Improve their skills and confidence
- Increase the difficulty of collusion by crafting collusion-resistant assignments



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