



ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

Dear Parents & Guardians,

We would like to take a moment to share some essential information about academic integrity at our school. As an educational institution, we believe it is crucial to emphasize the importance of maintaining high standards of academic honesty and responsibility throughout the year.

Throughout the previous academic year, we encountered instances where students engaged in cheating and plagiarism. While these actions may seem like an easy and fast way to complete assignments, they are unacceptable and are in direct violation of our school's policies on academic integrity.

At Pivot Charter School, we value and encourage the development of critical thinking and problem-solving skills in our students. By cheating and plagiarizing work, students are not only cheating themselves out of a meaningful learning experience, but also hindering their own growth and understanding of the subject matter. Cheating/Plagiarising includes activities such as relying on AI programs to complete assignments, copying and pasting from the internet or peers, accessing answer keys, or attempting to manipulate assignments to appear complete by deleting questions or submitting unrelated work.

Students are instructed in what constitutes cheating and plagiarism during the first week of school, and the subject is reviewed periodically throughout the year. We would like to emphasize that any assignments that appear to be completed with the assistance of such methods will receive a zero, without the option for make-up work. This is in line with our school's policies on academic integrity and the importance of students developing their own understanding and skills. There will be no exceptions to this policy.

We strongly encourage you to speak with your child about the importance of academic integrity and the real-world penalties of cheating, plagiarism, and unethical behavior.

We are dedicated to providing our students with a high-quality education and ensuring they acquire the necessary skills for future success. However, this can only be achieved with the support and cooperation of parents who hold their students accountable for maintaining high standards of academic integrity.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher.

Best regards,

Pivot Staff