

Legion Preparatory Academy

Academic Integrity Policy

I. Introduction

At Legion Preparatory Academy, we uphold the values of honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. Our academic integrity policy is designed to foster a culture of ethical scholarship, where students are encouraged to take pride in their work and engage in honest practices. This policy outlines our stance on academic dishonesty, the definitions of violations, and the potential consequences for such actions.

II. Definitions

1. Academic Integrity: Adherence to ethical principles in academic settings, ensuring that all work submitted is a result of one's own efforts.
2. Cheating: Any attempt to gain an unfair advantage in an academic exercise, including but not limited to: - Copying from another student - Using unauthorized materials during exams - Taking an exam for another student
3. Plagiarism: The act of using someone else's work, ideas, or intellectual property without proper attribution. This includes: - Copying text without citation - Submitting a paper bought or obtained from another source - Paraphrasing someone else's ideas without giving credit
4. Fabrication: Falsifying data, citations, or any information that compromises the integrity of academic work.
5. Facilitating Academic Dishonesty: Helping another student commit an act of academic dishonesty, such as allowing them to copy one's work.

III. Consequences for Violations

Violations of the academic integrity policy will be taken seriously and may result in one or more of the following consequences, depending on the severity of the offense:

1. First Offense
 - A formal warning and discussion with the teacher regarding the violation
 - A zero on the assignment or exam in question - Notification to parent/guardian
2. Second Offense:
 - A meeting with the teacher, school counselor, and an administrator
 - A zero on the assignment or exam - In-school suspension or a detention

3. Third Offense:

- A meeting with a committee including the teacher, counselor, administrator, and possibly the student's parents
- A zero on the assignment or exam
- Possible failure of the course
- Additional disciplinary actions, which may include out-of-school suspension

IV. Reporting Violations

Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to report any suspected violations of the academic integrity policy to the appropriate teacher or administrator. All reports will be taken seriously and investigated thoroughly.

V. Appeal Process

Students have the right to appeal any decision made regarding a violation of academic integrity. Appeals must be submitted in writing to the school principal within five school days of the initial decision. A review committee will be established to hear the appeal and make a final determination.

VI. Educational Component

In an effort to promote understanding and prevent academic dishonesty, the school will provide educational resources and workshops on proper citation practices, time management, and the importance of academic integrity.

VII. Conclusion

By adhering to this academic integrity policy, students contribute to a positive and honest academic environment at Legion Preparatory Academy. We encourage all students to take ownership of their learning and to celebrate their achievements through hard work and ethical behavior.