Academic Integrity Policy

Behavior and Discipline

SchoolsPLP Academy strives to provide all students the opportunity to learn in a safe and nurturing online environment. Students are expected to always conduct themselves with honor and academic integrity.

Bullying/Cyber-Bullying/Harassment

Students will adhere to a **No Tolerance Policy** so that all can continue to have a free and safe learning opportunity. Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Students who are found to be involved in such behavior will be warned with their first infraction through notification to the parent/guardian and could be expelled from the school if the issue is repeated. Any infraction that is considered bullying, cyber-bullying, and/or harassment must occur within the confines of the **SchoolsPLP Academy** System.

Academic Integrity/Plagiarism

As members of the **SchoolsPLP Academy** community, all students are expected to conduct themselves with honor and academic integrity. All students will follow appropriate citation guidelines to ensure that proper credit is given to the authors or creators of any work used**.**

SchoolsPLP Academy **Plagiarism Policy** defines plagiarism as presenting someone else's work, including the work of other students, as one's own. Any ideas or materials taken from another source for either written or oral use must be fully acknowledged, unless the information is common knowledge. What is considered "common knowledge" may differ from course to course. Sources may include, but are not limited to, the Internet, books, articles, media presentations and recordings.

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Requirements for citing material are as follows:

A student must not adopt or reproduce ideas, opinions, theories, formulas, graphics, or pictures or photos without citing the exact source in the body of the assignment. This includes the following examples:

- Directly quoting another person's actual words, whether oral or written

- Using another person's ideas, opinions, or theories

- Paraphrasing the words, ideas, opinions, or theories of others, whether oral or written

- Borrowing facts, statistics, or illustrative material

- Offering materials assembled or collected by others in the form of projects or collections

Lack of Academic Integrity

Cheating involves submitting work for an assignment or exam that is not your own. It can include the following:

- Copying someone else's work

- Allowing someone else to copy your work

- Having someone else complete your work for you

- Using unauthorized materials to help you complete your work

- Accessing social media sites on the internet to help you complete your work

If an instructor detects plagiarism or cheating, the instructor may recommend (depending on the severity) one of the following:

- Reduced grade for the assignment or exam

- No credit for the assignment or exam

- Reduced grade for the course

- Failure of the course

Under no circumstances will a student be permitted to cheat or plagiarize, and disciplinary measures will be taken in the event of this type of student misbehavior.

Inappropriate Discussions/Posts/Messages/Comments

A student's written comments are considered inappropriate if they contain vulgar, profane, or obscene language, sexual innuendo or descriptions, or use discriminatory language as it applies to race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, or disability.

Appeal Process

Students and Stakeholders have multiple means to communicate with mentors, teachers, and **SchoolsPLP Academy** administration staff. Students are welcome to address any concern through the SchoolsPLP messaging center. Parents and Stakeholder's dedicated secure login provides the ability to submit concerns. If the response is not considered sufficient, the student/parent/stakeholder is welcome to email **admin@schoolsplpacademy.com**. This dedicated, secure, and confidential email mailbox is only accessed by SchoolsPLP administration staff who will respond and provide an unbiased and thorough investigation.