

Mirdif American School

MAS Academic Integrity Policy

Introduction:

This policy outlines the principles and expectations of academic integrity that all students are expected to uphold within Mirdif American School. The goal of this policy is to promote integrity in an environment that builds values, honesty, fairness, and responsibility in the pursuit of academic excellence.

Academic integrity refers to the adherence to ethical principles and standards of behavior in the academic setting.

Definitions:

- **Plagiarism:** When an individual submits work that s/he copied from another source or another student. All students must submit work that has been produced independently.
- **Duplication of work:** When an individual submits the same or a very similar piece of work in any subject.
- **Cheating:** When an individual takes unauthorized material into an exam, exchanges information in any way with another student or uses an unauthorized calculator.

Artificial Intelligence Concerns (AI):

As AI becomes increasingly prevalent in academic and research settings, it is important to be mindful of the potential for academic misconduct related to AI.

- AI generated work must not be submitted as original work unless explicit permission is obtained from the instructor.
- AI generated work must clearly be labeled as such and properly cited.
- Any instances of academic misconduct related to AI will be subject to the same consequences as other forms of academic misconduct.

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Principles:

- **Honesty:** all students are expected to complete their own work and to accurately represent their own knowledge and understanding of course material. Cheating, plagiarism, or any other forms of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated.
- **Fairness:** All students are expected to respect the intellectual property rights of others and to properly cite and reference all sources used in completing academic assignments.
- **Responsibility:** All students are expected to be accountable for their own learning and to seek help and support when needed.

Expectations of Students:

- Complete all assignments independently, unless collaboration is explicitly allowed by the instructor.
- Properly cite and reference all sources used in completing academic assignments.
- Report any instances of academic misconduct that they become aware of.

Expectations of teachers:

- Clearly communicate their expectations for academic integrity in each course.
- Take appropriate action when instances of academic misconduct are discovered.
- Foster a culture of academic integrity through the promotion of honest, fair, and responsible behavior in the academic setting.

Consequences:

If a student is found to have engaged in cheating during an assignment or test, it's important to understand that this not only compromises the fairness of the evaluation process but also undermines the learning experience. Cheating not only impacts your own growth and understanding but also affects the trust within our school community.

In line with our commitment to upholding academic integrity, any student caught cheating will be required to complete an alternative assignment or test. However, it's important to note that the maximum points that can be earned through the alternative assessment will be 50%. This is a

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reminder that academic success is best achieved through genuine effort and a commitment to understanding the material.

MAS Academic Integrity Agreement for Students

As a student of MAS, I understand and agree to the following principles and expectations of academic integrity:

- I will complete all academic assignments independently, unless collaboration is explicitly allowed by the instructor.
- I will properly cite and reference all sources used in completing my academic work.
- I will not engage in any cheating or plagiarism.
- I understand that Artificial Intelligence generated work must be submitted as original work unless explicit permission is obtained from the instructor.
- I understand that Artificial Intelligence work must be clearly labeled as such and properly cited.
- I will report any instances of academic dishonesty that I become aware of.
- I am aware of the consequences of cheating on an assignment or test.

I understand that the consequences of academic misconduct may include counseling, reteaching of the importance of citing and referencing sources, and/or other appropriate measures.

I understand that by signing this agreement, I am committing to uphold the principles of academic integrity and that any violations of this agreement may result in consequences as determined by the school.

Student name: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____

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