

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

At SLA, we are committed to fostering a learning environment built on trust, integrity, and personal accountability. Students are expected to complete their work independently, honestly, and with respect for the intellectual property of others.

Definitions of Academic Dishonesty

- **Plagiarism** is using someone else's words, ideas, or work and presenting it as your own without giving them credit. This includes copying from books, websites, articles, or other sources. When using someone else's words, they must be cited appropriately to give credit to the author.
- **AI (Artificial Intelligence)** is the use of AI tools (e.g., ChatGPT, automated essay generators) to complete assignments, assessments, or projects without explicit teacher permission. Copying and pasting content created using AI and presenting it as your own is a violation of this policy.
- **Cheating** includes, but is not limited to: sharing or receiving answers on assignments, assessments, or projects; using unauthorized materials or devices during an assessment; and having someone else complete your work.

Consequences for Violations

If a student is found to have engaged in academic dishonesty:

- He or she will receive a zero on the assignment, assessment, or project in question.
- He or she will receive a SAM.
- The incident will be documented, and parents or guardians will be notified.
- He or she may lose up to 25 employability points.
- For repeat offenses, additional actions may include a referral, a parent conference, suspension, or other discipline depending on the severity of the offense.

How to Avoid Academic Dishonesty

- Always cite your sources when using ideas or information from others.
- Follow teacher instructions regarding the use of AI tools and other resources.
- Ask for help from teachers or peers if you are unsure about how to complete an assignment honestly.

By upholding this policy, we ensure a fair and respectful learning environment for everyone. In addition, we teach students the importance of independent thinking and honesty.

Signing below is an agreement to the above stated Academic Honesty Policy

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Student Printed Name