

## ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

The Indian River School District holds academic integrity as a cornerstone of our educational philosophy. Our commitment to academic integrity is deeply rooted in our missions to assure that students attain the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to realize their potential, meet the challenges of their life choices, and fulfill their responsibilities as citizens of the State of Delaware, the United States, and the world.

Academic integrity is a fundamental principle that upholds the values of honesty, fairness, and responsibility; and, the Indian River School District is dedicated to fostering an environment where students, educators, and staff demonstrate the highest standards of integrity in all academic endeavors. In upholding academic integrity, the Indian River School District seeks to encourage students to take ownership of their learning and achievements; and to empower them to excel academically, develop essential life skills and contribute positively to their communities and the world.

### **Academic Integrity Expectations**

#### ***Original Work***

Students are expected to submit original work that reflects their own thoughts, ideas, and efforts. Any use of external sources or collaboration must be appropriately acknowledged.

#### ***Citation and Referencing***

When using external sources in assignments and assessments, students must provide proper citations and references following an approved citation style (MLA, APA, Chicago).

#### ***Unauthorized Aid***

Unless explicitly allowed by the classroom teacher, or appropriate educator, the use of unauthorized aids such as electronic devices, notes, or other materials is strictly prohibited. Collusion (working together to provide or receive answers on an independent assignment or assessment) is “unauthorized aid” and will be considered a violation of this policy; and therefore, is subject to disciplinary action.

#### ***Respect for Copyright***

Students must respect copyright laws and adhere to fair use guidelines for paraphrasing when using and referencing external materials in their work.

### **Consequences for Violations**

Students found violating this policy will be subject to progressive discipline in the classroom as deemed appropriate by the teacher in collaboration with the building principal or designee. In the event of repeat violations, or violation on a summative assignment or assessment, school administrators will follow the district’s Code of Conduct and the applicable discipline matrix. When a violation occurs, parents/guardians will be informed of the incident and the consequences.

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