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South Ridge Elementary - Academic Integrity Policy

Beliefs

At South Ridge Elementary, we believe that academic integrity is integral to the development of our students, reflecting the values of the IB Learner Profile. Through displaying academic honesty, students embody attributes such as being principled, caring, risk-takers, and thinkers. By adhering to these principles, students commit to upholding the standards of academic integrity and avoid any form of academic misconduct.

Professional Responsibility of Staff:

All staff members are required to familiarize themselves with this policy and related documents to accurately communicate its contents to the school community. Staff members should seek clarification from the coordinator if needed. It is expected that this policy and related documents are followed by all staff members. Teachers play a crucial role in promoting honest, creative work by designing inquiry-based assessment tasks, teaching proper citation methods, and encouraging reflection.

Purpose of Academic Integrity Policy:

The purpose of our Academic Integrity Policy is to ensure transparency, fairness, and consistency in our school's procedures. It outlines the rights and responsibilities of all members of the school community, clarifying what constitutes good academic practice and misconduct, along with the actions to be taken in case of violations.

Understanding Academic Integrity:

Academic integrity entails honesty, integrity, and a commitment to the inquiry-action-reflection cycle. It requires students to take ownership of their work, giving due credit to external sources. In an era of technological advancement, it is essential to prevent plagiarism and collusion, promoting originality in students' work.

Forms of Academic Dishonesty:

Academic dishonesty may include plagiarism, copying, assessment cheating, and collusion. Our school encourages academic honesty through regular discussions with parents, fostering an understanding of the learner profile values, and clearly outlining consequences for dishonest behavior.

Handling Academic Dishonesty:

If a teacher suspects academic dishonesty, they will inform the coordinator and investigate the matter. If evidence supports the accusation, appropriate consequences will be applied, with parents kept informed throughout the process.

Consequences of Academic Dishonesty:

Consequences vary based on the severity of the offense, ranging from re-doing assignments to recording incidents in progress reports. Repeat offenses escalate consequences, with severe cases addressed by school administration.

Roles in Promoting Academic Integrity:

Parents are encouraged to support academic honesty by understanding the policy, motivating originality, and fostering effective time management. Administrators play a role in establishing a culture of academic honesty and ensuring clear consequences for dishonest behavior.

Guidelines to Avoid Academic Dishonesty:

Clear guidelines are provided to students to avoid dishonesty, emphasizing proper citation, acknowledgment of sources, and adherence to referencing standards.

For further guidance, the IB publication "Effective citing and referencing" is recommended.

At South Ridge Elementary, we are committed to fostering a community where academic integrity is valued and upheld by all members.