



Durham Elementary Academic Integrity



At Durham Elementary we encourage all students to demonstrate principles of Academic honesty as an essential part of their involvement in the Primary Years Programme. As a school community we promote academic honesty across our school and stress the benefits of properly conducted research and a respect for the integrity of all forms of work.

We encourage our students to be:

- Inquirers - acquire the skills necessary to conduct research
- Principled - act with integrity and honesty
- Open-minded - accustomed to seeking and evaluating different viewpoints
- Risk takers - articulate in defending their beliefs

Academic honesty is promoted to instill integrity, assist in character development and to develop principled students. In order to promote academic honesty Durham students will be taught: how to use the library and internet, how to cite sources, procedures for using note-facts, the meaning of plagiarism and how to avoid it. This is done by showing examples of honest and dishonest behavior, proper resource citation, and through implementing the proper use of privacy folders when needed. Academic honesty is assessed through observation and by watching for the following behaviors: the use of words not typically found in a student's vocabulary, the copying of identical sentences, and unethical behavior during testing.

Consequences for not following the academic honesty policy include the following: completing a behavior reflection (required), being placed on behavioral contracts, redoing the assignment or test with a notation in the gradebook, and/ or being placed on improvement plans.

The academically honest student agrees to:

- Do his/her own authentic work
- Acknowledge others' work, including group work
- Acknowledge information that is used from a variety of sources
- Acknowledge reference materials in a bibliography

The academically honest student agrees not to:

- Copy from another student
- Do homework for another student
- Give another student his/ her own work to copy.