



Academic Honesty Policy: Green Valley High School

Philosophy:

Our school encourages students to inquire and to think critically and creatively, and to present their thinking in a variety of ways. They should be able to make their thoughts and their learning visible and explicit, show how they have constructed their ideas, and demonstrate the views they have followed or rejected. This is essentially what scholarship and academic honesty are: making knowledge, understanding and thinking transparent. An essential aspect of this is an understanding of the technical aspects of academic honesty, of citing and referencing. Academic honesty is an essential principle of Green Valley's Diploma Programme that enhances our credibility as a Nevada public high school. As stated in the IB learner profile--which Green Valley aims to develop in all students--all members of the IB community strive to be "principled", acting with "integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness, justice and respect for the dignity of the individual, groups and communities".

Academic Dishonesty or Misconduct:

A behavior that results in, or may result in, the student or any other student gaining an unfair advantage (or a behaviour that disadvantages other students) in one or more assessment components.

Categories of "Academic Misconduct":

***Plagiarism** is defined as the representation, intentionally or unwittingly, of the ideas, words or work of another person without proper, clear and explicit acknowledgment. Plagiarism is also the submission of purchased or copied papers from the internet. The use of translated materials, unless indicated and acknowledged, is also considered plagiarism.

***Collusion** is defined as supporting academic misconduct by another student, for example allowing one's work to be copied or submitted for assessment by another.

***Misconduct during an IB examination** includes taking unauthorized material into an examination room, disruptive behaviour and communicating with others during the examination.

***Communication** about the content of an examination 24 hours before or after the examination with others outside their school community is also considered a breach to IB regulations.

***Duplication of work** is defined as the presentation of the same work for different assessment components and/or Diploma Programme requirements.

All Green Valley High School stakeholders have a responsibility in maintaining academic honesty. Educators must provide the tools and teach the concepts that afford students the knowledge to understand the characteristics of cheating and plagiarism. Parents must support their students in making good decisions relative to completing coursework assignments and taking exams. Students must produce work that is theirs alone, recognizing the importance of thinking for themselves and learning independently, when that is the nature of the assignment. Adhering to the Code of Honor for the purposes of academic honesty promotes an essential skill that goes beyond the school environment. Honesty and integrity are useful and valuable traits impacting one's life.

Student Signature _____

Student Number: _____

Print Student Name _____

Date: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____

Date: _____

Questions or concerns regarding the consequences associated with a violation of the Academic Honesty Policy may be directed towards school administration or your child's individual teachers.