

ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY
Pierrefonds Comprehensive High School

“Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind.”

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

Academic honesty is a positive characteristic that Pierrefonds Comprehensive High School aims to promote and develop by working together with students, teachers, and parents/guardians.

As students progress through high school, they are expected to submit authentic work that not only represents their original ideas, but also clearly acknowledges the work of others. By the end of Grade 11 (Year 5), these learned skills will have created lifelong learners who are also responsible, principled, and reflective global and digital citizens. Students are encouraged to provide clear evidence of the research they have conducted by acknowledging their sources. Ownership of information is increasingly unclear because of the internet, thus if students are unsure about how to credit intellectual property, they are encouraged to ask their teacher or Librarian.

Teachers are committed to working with students in order to encourage academic honesty across the curriculum. Starting in Grade 7 (Year 1), students are taught how to recognize ownership of work and credit sources accordingly.

Parents/Guardians also play a direct role in fostering and supporting the same principles of academic honesty in the home as developed at school.

Academic misconduct is a severe breach of conduct and may include:

- Plagiarism and/or Duplication of work: Intentionally or unwittingly representing the ideas or work of another person as one's own.
- Collusion and/or Cheating such as:
 - Any behaviour that allows one's work to be copied or submitted for assessment by someone else
 - Any behaviour that gives students an unfair advantage
 - Misconduct during an examination.

Any incident of academic misconduct may be addressed in the following ways:

- Teacher identifies the infraction and determines the severity
- Teacher informs the Administrator/IB Coordinator
- Administrator/IB Coordinator investigate breach
- A meeting is conducted between the student, parent/guardian, teacher, Administrator/IB Coordinator where a consequence will be determined. Student may receive a zero.