



MACKINTOSH ACADEMY

Academic Integrity Agreement

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As Mackintosh Academy students, we agree to act as **principled** members of our International Baccalaureate (IB) community of learners. **Principled** is a core quality of the IB Learner Profile and is defined as:

- Acting with integrity and honesty
- Having a strong sense of fairness and justice
- Respecting the dignity and rights of people everywhere
- Taking responsibility for our actions and their consequences

As **principled** learners, we must be sure that all of the work we turn in reflects our own original thoughts and ideas.

I. General Academic Integrity

Academic integrity means that we are being principled in our schoolwork and following the essential agreements explained below. When you turn in work for assessment, you are agreeing that:

1. *You have turned in your own original work*
2. *You have not used answers from a classmate, friend, parent, or an internet source without permission and credit*
3. *You have given proper credit to any books, websites, interviews, or other research sources you have used*
4. *You have not consulted any artificial intelligence (AI) source without permission from your teacher*
5. *You have not used an artificial intelligence (AI) source to complete an assignment without understanding the work*
6. *You will ask your teachers for guidance if you have questions about your use of external sources*

Mackintosh Academy teachers are an important part of explaining this academic integrity policy and helping to make sure that we follow it. Our teachers will do this by:

- Helping us understand what academic integrity is by talking about and modeling what it does and does not look like
- Teaching and modeling how to do effective research and how to tell a reliable source from an unreliable one
- Teaching us how to give proper credit to sources we use for research
- Helping us develop skills in communication, problem-solving, and self-management
- Explaining acceptable collaboration with another student and unacceptable collusion (when two or more people pass unattributed source work as their own)
- Clarifying what help is acceptable from others including parents, tutors, other students, or AI sources
- Explaining the consequences for submitting work that is not our own

II. Academic Integrity for Artificial Intelligence Sources

Artificial intelligence (AI) is a quickly changing resource for teaching and learning. In some cases, your teachers may say it is okay to use an artificial intelligence (AI) tool in your work. AI may only be used with the specific permission of

your teacher on certain assignments and your teacher will make sure that the tool is appropriate for the assignment. Sometimes AI tools will create statements that are untrue, and **you are always responsible for checking that the facts in your work are accurate.**

When your teacher allows you to use AI, you must follow the guidelines that your teacher gives you. They might ask you to explain the AI tool or generator you used, the prompts you gave, how you fact-checked it, and how you used the AI content.

If you do not follow this agreement, **you are not being true to your commitment to being a principled learner, and you may have violated Mackintosh's academic integrity policy.**

If you have not followed the academic integrity policy, you may face possible consequences decided by your teacher and school leadership, such as:

- Redo the assignment
- Do an alternate assignment
- Lose points on an assignment
- Participate in a disciplinary meeting with the teacher, your parents, and school administrators
- Possible suspension - in-school or out-of-school

By signing this Academic Integrity Agreement, you are agreeing to act as a principled learner, with honesty and integrity, according to the standards explained above. You understand that there may be consequences if you fail to uphold these standards, whether intentionally or accidentally.

Student's Name

Student's Signature

Date Signed

As the parent of the above student, I have read this policy and agree to partner in upholding this academic integrity agreement.

Parent's Name

Parent's Signature