

St. Gabriel Education Centre

St. Gabriel Education Centre Academic Integrity Policy A Commitment to Honesty and Responsibility

At Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools, we are committed to fostering an environment of trust, honesty, and academic excellence. Academic integrity is the foundation of a fair and ethical learning environment, and it is essential that all students understand and uphold these values.

Academic Integrity Means:

- Completing your work and ensuring it is original.
- Acknowledging the sources of information and ideas that you use.
- Collaborating with others only when permitted by your teacher.
- Refraining from cheating, plagiarism, and any form of dishonesty in your academic work.

Use of AI and Academic Integrity:

- **Appropriate Use of AI:** AI tools can be valuable resources for learning, but it is crucial to use them appropriately. AI should assist in understanding concepts and completing tasks, not replace your own effort and creativity.
- **Citing AI Sources:** If you use AI to generate ideas, text, or other content, you must cite the AI tool as you would any other source. Transparency about the use of AI is essential.
- Original Work: AI should not be used to produce work that you submit as your own. Relying on AI to complete assignments, tests, or projects undermines your learning and violates academic integrity.
- **Teacher Guidelines:** Follow any specific guidelines provided by your teachers regarding the use of AI in your coursework. Some assignments may prohibit the use of AI to ensure the assessment of your personal understanding and skills.

Examples of Violations Include:

- Copying someone else's work and presenting it as your own.
- Using unauthorized materials or devices during tests or exams.
- Sharing or receiving answers during assessments.
- Submitting work that has been completed by someone else or by an AI tool without proper attribution.
- Falsifying data or citations.

Consequences of Violating Academic Integrity

Violations of academic integrity, including the misuse of AI tools, are taken seriously and may result in a variety of consequences, including but not limited to:

- Parent/guardian notification and meetings to discuss the violation and its consequences.
- **In-school suspension** which involves a temporary removal from regular classes.
- Additional assignments or tasks to reinforce the understanding of academic integrity.
- Loss of privileges related to school activities or events.

These measures are intended to emphasize the importance of honesty and personal responsibility in your academic journey. By adhering to the principles of academic integrity, you contribute to a positive and fair learning environment for yourself and your peers.

Commitment to Excellence

We believe that each student has the potential to achieve greatness through hard work and integrity. Upholding academic honesty, including the responsible use of AI, not only prepares you for future academic and career success but also helps build a community of trust and respect.

If you have any questions or need further clarification on what constitutes academic integrity and the appropriate use of AI, please speak with your teachers or school administrators. We are here to support you in maintaining the highest standards of academic excellence.

Thank you for your commitment to upholding the values of Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools.

Discrepancies - If there is a greater than 30% discrepancy between the marks on assignments and the marks on exams, the teacher, in collaboration with the school learning team and administration, may only use the exam marks for assessment purposes.

Reference:

<u>GSACRD Admin Procedure 365</u> - Student Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting GSACRD Administrative Procedure on the use of AI in schools.