

Peachtree Elementary

Academic Integrity Policy

Rationale

Peachtree Elementary is committed to the academic, social and ethical development of each member of our learning community. All stakeholders have an obligation to promote the learner profile characteristic of being principled. According to the IB Learner Profile, people who are principled “act with integrity and honesty with a strong sense of fairness and justice, and with respect for the dignity and rights of people everywhere.”¹

The guidelines set forth in this policy promote the values of academic integrity among students, parents, faculty, and administration. The policy:

- defines good practice under the scope of academic honesty
- outlines examples of misconduct
- outlines the consequence of participating in such endeavors

Best Practices

Students at Peachtree are taught proper citation methods when conducting research and sharing the intellectual property of others.

Listed below are examples and website to assist with MLA’s citation and formatting:

- Citation Machine <http://citationmachines.net/>
- Easy Bib <http://www.easybib.com/>
- Purdue English <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/2/>
- Bibme <http://www.bibme.rog/>

Examples of Misconduct

Legitimate collaboration is cooperative work with individual responsibilities and group accountability. Students must follow teacher guidelines regarding independent and group work.

Examples of academic misconduct include but are not limited to:

- Forging documents
- Taking an online assessment or assignment under another student’s identity
- Obtaining test or quiz materials for an assessment without the teacher’s knowledge
- Inappropriate use of graphing calculators, programmable watches, smart phones, wearable technology and other computer or electronic devices
- Sharing student work that should be individually/independently produced
- Discussing information about a quiz or test with students who have not completed the assessment
- Obtaining/giving answers from/to another student during a test with or without the student’s knowledge
- Failing to follow teacher guidelines regarding collaboration on assignments or projects

¹ International Baccalaureate Organization. (2013). Learner Profile. Cardiff, Wales.

- Failing to complete all work independently unless expressly instructed otherwise

Consequences of Participating in Academic Misconduct

Per Gwinnett County Public School (GCPS) policy, consequences for academic misconduct will result in either an academic penalty OR disciplinary action but not both. Infractions of this policy will be handled on an individual basis including consultation with, but not limited to, students, parents/guardians, teachers, counselors, and/or administration.

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