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Academic Integrity

Integrity, most people would agree, is doing the right thing when no one is looking. But how do we define academic integrity for students?

Academic integrity is typically the phrase tossed around when the subject of plagiarism comes up. If we are to look at defining academic integrity, plagiarism is certainly something that doesn't fit in. This leads one to believe that academic integrity includes doing your own work and crediting others where appropriate.

Another aspect of academic integrity is respect for the subject. Any teacher would rather their students did their projects over time, rather than all of the work the night before. Part of having integrity in the academic setting is putting the time and effort in. Essays that don't cite sources are no better than trash in the college setting. Integrity is having enough respect for the subject to put in the necessary amount of time and effort.

Academic integrity is in the details as well. Any essay submitted in college should be meticulously proofread for spelling mistakes, formatting mistakes and foolish grammatical errors. Submitting a paper with egregious errors is unacceptable in the academic setting. Anyone with academic integrity will comb their essay to catch these small correctable errors.

Submitting work on time is essential. Teachers never want to hear your excuses about

sports, extracurriculars or jobs. Submitting something late is extremely disrespectful. It sends the message that not only did you not consider their assignment important enough, but you expected that the teacher would allow you a special privilege.

As a whole Academic integrity means putting in the effort, respecting the subject and giving credit where credit is due.