



## Academic Honesty Policy United World International School (UWIS)

### Introduction:

The United World International School (UWIS) is committed to fostering a culture of academic honesty and integrity. As an international institution, UWIS acknowledges and adheres to the guidelines set forth by the Council of International Schools (CIS) and other reputable international educational institutions. This policy outlines the expectations, responsibilities, and consequences regarding academic honesty within the UWIS community.

### Definition of Academic Honesty:

Academic honesty refers to the ethical conduct and integrity that students demonstrate in all academic endeavors. It encompasses a commitment to truth, fairness, and the responsible use of information, ideas, and work produced by others. Academic honesty is essential to maintain the integrity of the learning process and to ensure that students' achievements are a genuine reflection of their abilities.

### Principles:

1. **Integrity:** Students at UWIS are expected to demonstrate honesty and integrity in all aspects of their academic work, including assignments, assessments, research projects, and examinations.
2. **Originality:** Students are expected to produce original work, acknowledging and respecting the intellectual property and ideas of others through appropriate citation and referencing.
3. **Collaboration:** Collaboration among students is encouraged, as long as it adheres to guidelines set by teachers and does not compromise individual responsibility for learning and the originality of submitted work.
4. **Respect for Academic Environment:** Students should respect the academic environment by refraining from engaging in any form of cheating, plagiarism, or academic dishonesty that undermines the learning experience of others.

### Responsibilities:

#### 1. Students:

- o Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the principles of academic honesty outlined in this policy.
- o Students must complete all assignments, assessments, and examinations independently unless explicitly authorized by the teacher to collaborate.



- o Students must properly cite and reference all sources used in their work, including text, images, multimedia, and ideas borrowed from others.
- o Students should report any suspected violations of academic honesty to the relevant teacher or academic authority.
- o Students are encouraged to seek clarification from teachers if they have any questions or concerns about academic honesty.

## 2. Teachers:

- o Teachers are responsible for educating students about the importance of academic honesty and promoting ethical conduct.
- o Teachers should clearly communicate expectations regarding academic honesty in all assignments, assessments, and examinations.
- o Teachers must employ measures to detect and prevent academic dishonesty, such as utilizing plagiarism detection tools, implementing varied assessment methods, and proctoring examinations where necessary.
- o Teachers should investigate and address suspected violations of academic honesty promptly and fairly, ensuring due process for all parties involved.
- o Teachers should provide support and guidance to students to help them develop their academic skills and understand the consequences of academic dishonesty.

## Consequences:

Violations of academic honesty may result in disciplinary actions as determined by UWIS. The severity of the violation, the student's intent, and the student's previous record of academic misconduct will be taken into account when determining the appropriate consequences. Possible consequences may include, but are not limited to:

- Academic warning or reprimand
- Assignment or assessment resubmission with a grade penalty
- Loss of privileges or participation in extracurricular activities
- Mandatory academic integrity workshops
- Parent/guardian notification
- Academic probation
- Suspension or expulsion, in severe cases



### **Review and Revision:**

This Academic Honesty Policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure its effectiveness and alignment with the evolving educational landscape. Any necessary revisions will be made in consultation with the UWIS community, including students, teachers, and parents/guardians.

### **Conclusion:**

The United World International School "UWIS" is dedicated to maintaining a culture of academic honesty and integrity. By upholding the principles outlined in this policy, all members of the UWIS community can contribute to a respectful and authentic learning environment that promotes the pursuit of knowledge, skills, and personal growth.