



GOOD FOUNDATIONS ACADEMY

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Academic Integrity Policy

PURPOSE AND PHILOSOPHY

GFA believes it is important to instill the right values within the student body so that they 1) know the right behavior, 2) know how to discipline themselves to adhere to proper behavior, and 3) can be trusted in most situations to comply with the proper behavior. Integrity is one of the Seven Foundation Stones at GFA. Integrity is defined as follows:

***Integrity:** knowing the difference between right and wrong and having the courage to do what is right, even when it is not easy to do so; living up to the highest ethical standard, not compromising one's value; building and guarding your reputation.*

POLICY DEFINITIONS

The honest academic work of a student reflects his/her own thoughts, experiences, and effort. Cheating and plagiarism are not allowed at Good Foundations Academy. These activities are defined as follows:

Cheating: copying the work of others on tests or homework, asking others for answers during a test, or using cheat sheets or other aides during tests (without prior approval by teacher).

Plagiarism: taking another person's work or ideas and using them as your own. Examples of plagiarism include:

- Paraphrasing text from a book or web site without citing
- Cutting and pasting or copying text without quoting
- Copying and using an image without saying what it is and where it came from
- Submitting a paper written by a parent or tutor as your own

POLICY

Elementary school is a time for learning proper procedures for academic behavior, writing and research. The staff at Good Foundations Academy will help students learn and apply the rules. The goal is to teach students the basic standards for academic integrity now, so that they can

be prepared to meet the challenges of higher education with confidence. The teacher and/or Executive Director will discipline students and inform parents based on what is best for the student's growth at school and their grade level. Older grades will be held to higher standards and lower grades will be guided through the educational process.