



# WARREN T. JACKSON IB PYP ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY

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## MISSION STATEMENT

Through a caring community, our goal at Warren T Jackson Elementary School is to challenge and prepare students to be independent thinkers, kind citizens, and passionate learners who are ready to change the world.

## PHILOSOPHY

At Warren T. Jackson Elementary, we believe that academic honesty is fundamental to accurately communicating and showing a students' knowledge and understanding of content and concepts. We believe that displaying academic honesty is the foundation of academic excellence and student success. It is the responsibility of every student and employee to exhibit honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility in academic work at all times to support a positive learning environment in the school.

## LEARNER PROFILE AND ESSENTIAL AGREEMENTS

At Jackson Elementary, the Learner Profile attributes and school-wide ROAR essential agreements are critical to promoting, encouraging, and teaching academic honesty. When we encourage academic honesty, we aim for our students to be principled and act with honesty and fairness, effective communicators of their personal understanding, and reflective of the implications that academic dishonesty can have on others. Our ROAR essential agreements encourage students to Respect ourselves and others, Own our commitments, Act with Integrity, and Radiate Empathy.

## CLASSROOM PRACTICES

As elementary school educators, our role consists of raising student awareness of academic honesty and directly guiding student through an exploration of the ethical issue related to academic honesty, including the appropriate use of technology. Jackson Elementary teachers promote academic honesty by:

- Encouraging creative and critical thinking inquiry based tasks
- Creating assessments that value and reward the learning process, rather than simply the result
- Teaching self-management skills so that students learn responsibility of their work
- Providing both collaborative and independent work tasks so that students can differentiate the different skills and behaviors for both settings.
- Introducing the concepts of plagiarism and piracy
- Providing classroom supports for students (i.e. privacy shields, modified seating arrangements).
- Supporting parents in monitoring student assignments and encouraging ethical behavior

## ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY REVIEW

This policy will be formally reviewed, as needed, by Warren T. Jackson Elementary staff and community stakeholders to adapt to changing best practices, changes in the Primary Years Program, and changes in the needs of our community. We welcome comments and recommendations on this policy at any time