

Academic Honesty Policy
Silver Spring International Middle School
“Empowering the Leader in each Learner”

The Silver Spring International Middle School inspires and empowers internationally minded lifelong learners by acknowledging our common humanity, as students become leaders in the global society. At the Silver Spring International Middle School, academic honesty and personal integrity are fundamental components of a student's education and character development. True integrity also includes a person's daily interactions. Students acting with integrity treat others as they would wish to be treated. These qualities, when applied to learning and student work, will establish skills and behavior which support good practices to be found in the classroom, used for homework and assessments. The well-being of the entire school community depends upon the student accepting responsibility for personal conduct in both social and academic endeavors.

The academically honest student:

- Completes his/her own work.
- Acknowledges help from parents, other students, and friends.
- Acknowledges the source of direct quotations and paraphrased ideas.
- Acknowledges information taken from sources, i.e., books, interviews, and multimedia.
- Knows what constitutes cheating and abides by the rules.
- Does not allow others to copy his/her work.
- Follows all exam rules.

All members of the community need to be aware that the school treats academic dishonesty as a very serious matter. Our expectation is that students will not misrepresent their own work.

The academically dishonest student's actions includes, but is not limited to:

- Cheating
- Plagiarism
- Copying assignments
- Allowing others to copy work
- Lying
- Passing and/or sharing answers and content of exams

We believe that promoting academic honesty is the responsibility of the entire school community. Students, parents/guardians, staff and administrators shall be responsible for creating and maintaining a positive school climate that encourages honesty. Students found to have committed an act of academic dishonesty shall be subject to district and school-site discipline rules, as well as, collaborate with teacher and administration to restore trust. We ask that all members of the Silver Spring International Middle School family read the information above and sign the pledge below.

I, _____ (student name), pledge to follow the Silver Spring International Middle School Academic Honesty Policy.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____