

Valley Oaks Charter School Policy Against Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty

The Governing Board believes that academic honesty and personal integrity are fundamental components of a student's education and character development. The Governing Board expects that students, parents, and school staff will not cheat, lie, plagiarize or commit other acts of academic dishonesty.

Students, parents/guardians, staff and administrators shall be responsible for creating and maintaining a positive school climate that encourages honesty. The school will not accept work submitted that is not the original work of the student. When a resource is being cited, care must be given to give credit to the originator of the work. That credit should be stated in a format that is appropriate to the developmental age of the student.

When parents are given teachers editions, they are to use them to plan lessons, assist students with concepts, and evaluate lessons. Teacher Editions and supplemental answer documents shall not be misused.

Students found to have committed an act of academic dishonesty shall be subject to discipline, which can include a conference with site administration and chair of the governing board, no credit on the assignment/class in question, probation, and suspension or expulsion from the school.