

VIRTUAL SCHOOL POLICY

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

The Greenfield School Committee is committed to assuring, as much as possible, that all students who participate in Greenfield's virtual school commit to a high standard of academic integrity.

Completion of the enrollment process signifies a student's commitment to academic integrity as a student at the Massachusetts Virtual Academy at Greenfield and parent support for this standard for the enrolling student.

Academic Integrity means:

- A student's work on each assignment is completely the student's own work,
- Student collaboration with another student on any assignment must be pre-approved by the supervising teacher, and recognized as a collaborative assignment,
- Student work will be original—the student's own work:
 1. Students will not engage in plagiarism. Excerpts and quotes must be properly attributed as excerpts or quotes;
 2. Student will not copy another student's work;
 3. Students will not allow other students to copy their own work,
 4. Students will not misuse content on the internet.

Plagiarism is defined as: Copying or using ideas or words (from another person, online classmate, print source, or Internet source) and presenting these ideas or words as your own.

Virtual school teachers utilize a myriad of technologies to review, support, and check student work. Teachers check for authenticity. If a teacher confirms that a student has not submitted original work and has copied or plagiarized work in any manner, the student will be subject to consequences determined by Massachusetts Virtual Academy at Greenfield's administration. Consequences for not having original work and not having academic integrity will, depending on the circumstances, result in consequences ranging from a warning to removal from the course with a failing grade.

Second Reading for Affirmation of Adoption: October 28, 2010