



## ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide the definition of “Academic Integrity” and related conditions to provide notice to students and families regarding Nextide Academy’s ethical academic standards policy.

### II. POLICY STATEMENT

Academic dishonesty—including plagiarism, cheating or copying the work of another, using technology for illicit purposes, or any unauthorized communication between students for the purpose of gaining advantage during an examination—is strictly prohibited. Nextide Academy's Academic Integrity Policy covers all school-related tests, quizzes, reports, class assignments, and projects. The purpose of the Policy is to prepare students for the reality created by the technology explosion, for the world of college and beyond, where cheating and plagiarism have dire consequences.

### III. POLICY TERMS

Nextide Academy uses a variety of tools that we use in ensuring the integrity of student work. Among these tools are:

#### **Teacher Expertise**

Our instructors have extensive classroom experience. Their expertise is often a guide in identifying the level of originality in student work.

#### **Discussion Based Assessments**

Each teacher regularly conducts discussion-based assessments with his or her students. These conversations occur at specific intervals as well as randomly in a course and are included in the assessment component of each course. The teacher discusses individual student work and extends the conversation to allow the student to demonstrate mastery of the content and to verify the authenticity of the student’s work.

#### **Proctored Exams**

Each teacher can request a scheduled proctored exam at any time for a student.

#### **Turnitin.com**

This Internet tool compares student work against a variety of databases. The Learning Management System is now integrated with Turnitin.com, and most work is automatically uploaded to the system. This database compares students’ work against other students’ work, as well as work found on the Internet.

Students found to have engaged in academic dishonesty shall be subject to disciplinary as well as academic penalties on a case-by-case basis.