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Dear Parents & Guardians,

We wanted to take a moment to share some important information regarding academic integrity in the classroom. As we approach the end of the school year, we would like to remind students, and parents, of the importance of maintaining high standards of academic honesty and responsibility.

Over the past several weeks, there have been a number of instances where students have been found to be either cheating and/or plagiarizing assignments. While these actions may seem like an easy and fast way to complete assignments, they are unacceptable and are in direct violation of our school's policies on academic integrity.

At Pivot Charter School, we value and encourage the development of critical thinking and problem-solving skills in our students. By cheating and plagiarizing work, students are not only cheating themselves out of a meaningful learning experience, but also hindering their own growth and understanding of the subject matter. This includes methods such as using AI programs to write responses for assignments (which has recently become an issue), copying/pasting from the internet or peers, searching up answer keys, or deleting questions/submitting assignments as other assignments to make them appear complete.

Students have been well-versed in what constitutes cheating and plagiarism. We would like to emphasize that any assignments that appear to be completed with the assistance of such methods will receive a zero, without the option for make-up work. This is in line with our school's policies on academic integrity and the importance of students developing their own understanding and skills. There will be no exceptions to this policy.

We strongly encourage you to speak with your child about the importance of academic integrity and the real-world penalties of cheating, plagiarism, and unethical behavior.

We are committed to ensuring that our students receive a high-quality education and develop the skills they need to succeed in the future. However, this can only be achieved with the support and cooperation of parents who hold their students accountable for maintaining high standards of academic integrity.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher.

Best regards,

Pivot Staff