# Promoting Academic Integrity

# Preventing Plagiarism in **Online Environments**

## What is academic integrity?

Academic integrity is students' *commitment* to an ethical code of honesty, trust, and responsibility in academic settings.

# **Prevention TIPS**





### Update content regularly.

Modify and update assignments and assessments regularly. Editing writing prompts, problem scenarios, and instructions can prevent students from copying from past submitted work.



Do I alter or update my assignments and assessments frequently?



#### Break down assignments.

Instead of assigning one big assignment, it can be beneficial to divide them into several parts. This strategy scaffolds students to complete a big assignment step-by-step, reducing the likelihood of plagiarism.



Do I utilize required check-points within big assignments?



#### Look out for writing style discrepancies.

Pay attention to writing styles and patterns. This will help to identify discrepancies, such as a mismatch in the style of the writings and sudden changes of tones.



Can I distinguish between writing styles and patterns?



#### Utilize electronic submission.

When students submit assignments online, teachers can track assignment submission data. Utilizing electronic submission data supports a transparent submission process.



Do I keep a record of assignment submissions?



#### Educate students about plagiarism.

Highlight the importance of copyright and academic integrity. Actively engage students in discussions about the harm and consequences of plagiarism.



Do my students know what plagiarism is?
Do my students know school plagiarism policies?

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