

Introduction

To maintain academic integrity, Apex Learning Virtual School (ALVS) requires that all work submitted by students to be entirely the result of one's own effort. Plagiarism will not be tolerated, and teachers will not accept work that is plagiarized.

The following policy applies to all activity conducted by students enrolled in ALVS courses. Failure to abide by these rules may result in assignment resubmission, no credit for the assignment, or removal from the course.

Plagiarism may be reported to teachers, parents, local school personnel via email at academicintegrity@apexlearning.com or via phone by calling 1- 855-550-2547.

Definition of Plagiarism

Plagiarism is submitting work that is not your own and claiming that it is your own. Specifically, it means:

- **To steal and pass off the ideas or words of another as one's own.**
For example, utilizing another person's ideas, opinions, or theory without acknowledgment of the source.
- **To use another's production without crediting the source.**
For example, quoting another person's words, sentences, paragraphs, or entire work without acknowledgment of the source.
- **To present as new and original an idea or product derived from an existing source.**
For example, copying and pasting from an online source and submitting it as one's own work or paraphrasing source material without citations.

Consequences of Plagiarism

If a student submits a plagiarized assignment, they will be held responsible and accountable for their actions. Each plagiarized assignment is considered a separate violation of this policy, even if they were submitted simultaneously.

For each violation, the teacher will notify the student and their adult advocate(s) that a violation has occurred. The consequences for each violation are described below.

First Violation

The teacher will enter a zero for the assignment but will allow the student to resubmit the assignment at the end of the course if no further plagiarism violations occur.

Second Violation

The teacher will enter a zero for the assignment and the student will not be allowed to resubmit the assignment.

Third Violation

The ALVS Plagiarism Review Committee will be called to discuss the violation with the student and their adult advocate(s) to determine the consequences. Depending on what the committee decides, the student may receive a zero on the assignment or may be removed from the course.