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MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK ADDENDUM Plagiarism & Cheating Policy

III John 4; “I have no greater joy than this: to hear that my children are walking in the truth.”

The verse above is foundational for building character and integrity in our children’s attitude towards homework and appropriate conduct in the classroom. As an educational ministry, PIONEERS desires to hold the highest level of academic standards possible in preparing our students for further education, college, and/or adulthood. These standards include teaching honesty, integrity, and tenacity in classroom conduct and performance (homework).

It is important that our PIONEERS students understand that they are ambassadors for Christ, as well as representatives of their family. Their conduct, performance, and behavior should reflect character that is God honoring and trustworthy. Students are responsible and expected to do their own work. Should they need assistance, they are encouraged to reach out immediately to their parent and or tutor for further instruction or clarity. PIONEERS Co-op does not condone any type of ***plagiarism** or **cheating** in regard to homework, quizzes, tests, etc. Plagiarism and/or cheating are dishonest and a form of stealing....taking what doesn’t belong to you! Either act robs a student of working to their full potential and educational growth.

Plagiarism and cheating are serious offenses. Many institutions of higher education expel students found guilty of either. In our effort to prepare all students for the future, we have established the following guidelines:

- ◆ 1st offense — ‘0’ grade on the assignment/test and tutor contacts PIONEERS administration and parents are notified.
- ◆ 2nd offense — Student is removed from the class and receives a failing grade. PIONEERS administration and student’s parents discuss the student’s future at PIONEERS.

*Plagiarism (or intellectual theft) is defined as “the reproduction, in whole or essential part, of a literary, artistic, or musical work by one who falsely claims to be its creator” (Encyclopedia Americana, 2003).

Some examples might include but are not limited to:

- ◆ Downloading a paper from a “paper-mill”
- ◆ Submitting another student’s work (including copying answers on a quiz/test)
- ◆ Copying a portion of another’s work without citing it
- ◆ Copying material, supplying proper documentation, but leaving out quotes or indents
- ◆ Paraphrasing ideas without documentation