

Plagiarism is the practice of representing someone else's work or ideas as one's own. It is an academically dishonest practice and is detrimental to a student's knowledge & skill development and is addressed in Vista Virtual School's [Administrative Procedure 50-09](#).

The sharing of academic work, especially after having been marked by Vista Virtual School, to students for the purposes of submitting plagiarized work is, also, academically dishonest and represents a contravention of the *Alberta School Act's* expectation of students to comply with school rules and co-operate in the provision of the school's education program.

Vista Virtual School prefers to take a progressive approach to the sharing of work with others, in order to educate and correct the behaviour.

If a student is currently enrolled in any Vista Virtual School course and is found to be sharing academic work with others, whether from their current course or one previously completed:

**First Incident** – The student is informed that their work has been shared, or submitted as plagiarized work by another student; a warning is provided that further submissions of such work, from any course, will be grounds for removal from the current course(s).

The student's access to their course(s) is blocked until the parents (or the student, if they are 18 years of age or older) contacts the principal to discuss the incidents of academic dishonesty.

**Second Incident** – The student is removed from all active Vista Virtual School courses.

If the student is not currently enrolled in any Vista Virtual School course and found to be sharing academic work with others, they are informed that their work has been shared, or submitted as plagiarized work by another student and—as such—further registrations in any Vista Virtual School course will not be permitted. A notation is put on the student's profile to indicate such.

Such actions do not limit Vista Virtual School to pursue other remedies, either criminal or civil, for the distribution of its copyrighted materials.