

This policy ensures a safe and supportive virtual learning environment for all students, staff, and stakeholders of Royal Ontario Academy. It works alongside the Code of Conduct Policy and Appropriate Computer Use Policy, which set out related expectations for behaviour and technology use in more detail.

Respectful Communication

All interactions within the virtual school environment must be conducted respectfully and courteously. Any form of bullying, harassment, or discrimination will not be tolerated, consistent with the Code of Conduct Policy's zero-tolerance stance.

Digital Citizenship

Students and staff are expected to demonstrate responsible digital citizenship: using technology safely, ethically, and respectfully, protecting personal information, and respecting the privacy of others.

Academic Integrity

Academic honesty is a fundamental principle at ROA. Plagiarism, cheating, and other forms of academic dishonesty are addressed under the Cheating and Plagiarism Policy.

Online Behaviour

Students and staff must adhere to the Code of Conduct for online behaviour, which prohibits cyberbullying, inappropriate messages, or sharing harmful content.

Secure Learning Environment

The school ensures the use of secure platforms for all virtual learning activities. Students and staff are expected to use their designated school accounts for all school-related activities.

Reporting and Response

Any incidents of inappropriate behaviour, bullying, or breaches of this policy should be reported immediately to school administrators, who will take prompt and appropriate action.

Support Services

The school provides access to support services, including counselling and technical support, to help students navigate the virtual learning environment safely and effectively.

Parental Involvement

Parents and guardians are encouraged to monitor their child's online activities and to communicate with the school regarding any concerns about their child's safety and well-being.

Implementation

The Principal and staff of Royal Ontario Academy are responsible for implementing and enforcing this policy. All members of the school community are expected to adhere to it to maintain a positive and secure virtual learning environment.

This policy is reviewed periodically to ensure clarity, fairness, and alignment with Ontario Ministry of Education requirements and ROA operational needs, and is updated as needed. Final decisions on interpretation and application rest with the Principal. Questions may be directed to Royal Ontario Academy at info@royalontarioacademy.com. Last updated July 2026.