INTEGRITY CERTIFICATION PROGRAMME

What is the Integrity Certification Programme?

It is a voluntary initiative that recognizes schools that have put standard measures in place to mitigate against academic & admissions dishonesty. It is aimed at promoting a culture of integrity in schools. Through this programme, interested schools will receive technical assistance to strengthen their integrity measures if needed. This programme is a Step-Up Nigeria initiative.

What is the goal of the Integrity Certification Programme?

To build and maintain a culture of integrity in primary and secondary schools.

What does it mean to be Integrity Certified?

An integrity certified school is a school with a strong culture of integrity which is demonstrated through:

- Academic integrity (measures in place to tackle cheating, plagiarism)
- Admissions integrity (measures in place to guarantee a fair admissions process based on merit)
- Teaches anti-corruption values or education in one form or the other (teaches anti-corruption)
- The use of codes of conduct/school policies to promote integrity amongst students, teachers, school administrators and parents (visible policies around the school that encourage everyone in the school to act with integrity)
What is the process for getting integrity certified?

**Integrity Clinics**

We will offer integrity clinics to schools who need support in strengthening their integrity measures. The support could include helping to develop code of conduct or school policies that prioritise integrity. We will provide advice on how to strengthen integrity measures. We will also support schools who want to teach anti-corruption.
What are our expected outcomes?

- The culture of integrity becomes the norm in many schools
- Academic dishonesty & admission fraud in schools is reduced
- Integrity certified schools become the most sought-after schools

Who are the key stakeholders?

School owners, head teachers, media organisations, parent associations and school associations in private schools

How will the review be conducted?

The review will involve assessing all evidence or claims submitted by the school. The assessment will involve a desk review of submitted evidence, school visits and in-depth interviews with staff, parents and students to validate the claims.

‘Creating a culture of integrity in schools’

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