



*Florence High School: An International Baccalaureate World School*

## **ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY**

The IB Diploma provides students from all countries with an educational credential that is understood by universities anywhere. IB assessment is varied and authentic and if it is to be recognized for credit and placement at the university level, it is critical that the work being assessed be the best work possible, authentically produced by the IB student. With the increased use of the Internet, there are many readily available sources of information easily accessible to students. According to the Academic Honesty guide published by the IBO, "... many students incorrectly believe that because the Internet is in the public domain and largely uncontrolled, information can be taken from websites without the need for acknowledgement." This is far from the truth, and students must know that all work turned in for assessment, be it for IBO, or university classes, "must be based on the candidate's individual and original ideas with the ideas and work of others fully acknowledged" (IBO 4). Failure to acknowledge the work of others could result in not earning credit as well as other consequences.

Definitions:

IB regulations define malpractice as "behavior that results in, or may result in, the candidate or any other candidate gaining an unfair advantage in one or more assessment component." Malpractice includes:

Plagiarism: The representation of the ideas or work of another person as the candidate's own.

Collusion: The support of malpractice by another candidate, as in allowing one's work to be copied or submitted for assessment by another.

Duplication of work: The presentation of the same work for different assessment components and/or diploma requirement. For example, "If a candidate submits the same or very similar piece of work for an in-depth study in history internal assessment and for an extended essay in history, this would be viewed as malpractice. However, it is perfectly acceptable for a candidate to study one aspect of a topic for internal assessment and another aspect of the same topic for internal assessment and another aspect of the same topic for an extended essay."

Other:

Any behavior that gains an unfair advantage for a candidate or that affects the results of another candidate (for example, taking unauthorized material into an examination room, misconduct during an examination, or falsifying a CAS record.)

Consequences:

In IB classes, academic misconduct will result in a loss of credit for the assignment for which the academic misconduct occurred and, of course, a disciplinary referral. Repeated offenses may result in suspension and removal from the IB program.

FLORENCE HIGH SCHOOL IB DIPLOMA PROGRAM ACADEMIC  
MISCONDUCT POLICY

I have read and understand the Florence High School IB Diploma Program Honesty Policies. I further understand that violation of this policy could result in a loss of credit, or removal from the FHS IB Diploma Program. I understand that as an IB student:

1. I will oppose each and every instance of academic dishonesty.
2. I will not request, receive, or give aid in examinations, tests, or quizzes.
3. I will not request or receive un-permitted aid in class work, homework, or in the preparation of any work that is to be used by a teacher as the basis of grading.
4. When I put my name on a homework assignment, I attest that all of the work on the assignment is my own in origin and content.
5. On all research papers and essays, I will carefully cite all external sources. I will not represent someone else's work as my own. I will do my very best to learn from my teachers the clear distinctions between appropriate research and plagiarism, intentional or unintentional.
6. I will not use "study aids" such as Sparks Notes, Cliff Notes, or other materials such as movie/video versions of a work of literature in lieu of reading the assigned reading for a course.
7. I will give prompt and confidential notification to the appropriate faculty member or the IB Coordinator if I observe academic misconduct in any class.

I am aware that adhering to this policy will allow me to turn in quality work that I produced independently and of which I can be very proud.

Please check one:

- I will be sending the IB Registration Fee of \$164.00 (in full payment or paid in full) by November 1, 2015.
- My child will not be taking any IB tests this year so I will NOT be sending in any payment for IB Registration Fee.

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Student Name	Student Signature	Today's Date
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Parent/Guardian Name	Parent/Guardian Signature	Today's Date