



Academic Integrity Policy

Purpose

The American School Foundation expects students to produce their best original work. As an International Baccalaureate World School, we subscribe to the International Baccalaureate (IB) definition of Academic integrity:

“An authentic piece of work is one that is based on the student’s individual and original ideas with the ideas and work of others fully acknowledged. Therefore, all assignments for assessment, regardless of their format, must wholly and authentically use that student’s own language, expression and ideas. Where the ideas or work of another person are represented within a student’s work, whether in the form of direct quotation or paraphrase, the source(s) of those ideas or the work must be fully and appropriately acknowledged.”

- Academic Honesty: Diploma Programme, IB, July 2011

ASF Expectation for students regarding academic integrity

- ASF students understand the definition of academic integrity, the importance of academic integrity and the consequences of not being academically honest.
- ASF students use technology that helps maintain academic integrity and avoid malpractice.
- ASF students organize their work and their time to avoid malpractice
- ASF students keep a complete record of sources accessed in research
- ASF students ask questions when they are unsure of what to cite from outside resources
- ASF students submit drafts all work
- ASF students use a variety of sources when researching
- ASF students know how to properly cite the ideas of others.

ASF expectations for Pedagogical Leadership Team regarding academic integrity

- ASF pedagogical leaders will ensure that all faculty are aware of the definition of academic integrity and its importance
- ASF pedagogical leaders will monitor classrooms to ensure that deadlines are fair, reasonable and clearly published
- ASF pedagogical leaders will ensure that the ASF academic integrity protocol is followed
- ASF pedagogical leaders will deal promptly with all reported cases of academic dishonesty
- ASF pedagogical leaders will model academic integrity in their own work
- ASF pedagogical leaders will communicate academic integrity expectations with parents

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ASF expectations for parents regarding academic integrity

- ASF parents can help by being familiar with the academic integrity definition and policy
- ASF parents by communicating with their children and tutors the importance of academic integrity
- ASF parents can help by helping their children have space and time to manage long term projects
- ASF parents can help by contacting teachers and school administrators when they have a question about academic dishonesty.

| Culminating Inquiries | Academic Integrity Expectations |
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| PYP Exhibition | Students' responsibility for their own work. Guidelines for individual and group work. Age-appropriate expectations and practice regarding references, citations, quotations and paraphrasing. Agreements related to the responsible use of information technology and media resources in their projects. |
| MYP Personal Project | Students' responsibility for their own, authentic work. Students' site work or ideas of others whether written, oral or visual (hard copy and/or electronic materials). Work submitted is the final version. Mentors monitor student progress and authenticity. Note: IB Provides a specific Academic Integrity Form for PP |
| CAS | All CAS experiences are original, authentic, and verifiable. |
| Extended Essay | Students' responsibility for their own, authentic work. Students' site work or ideas of others whether written, oral or visual (hard copy and/or electronic materials). Work submitted is the final version. Supervisors monitor student progress and authenticity. Supervisors and DP Coordinator sign off on the authenticity of the work before submitting to the IBO. |

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- Collusion: this is defined as supporting malpractice by another student, as in allowing one's work to be copied or submitted for assessment by another.
- Duplication of Work: this is defined as the presentation of the same work for different assessment components.

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- Copying work and presenting it as your own, by either:
 - Using someone's ideas (even if you put them in your own words) without giving credit.
 - Failing to place quoted words in quotation marks.
 - Rearranging words and changing sentence structure but not giving credit.
 - Compiling a range of sources (cited or not) with little or no original work of your own.
 - Failing to fully acknowledge all sources.
- Bringing unauthorized material into any exam, including notes or calculators.
- Taking exam materials without permission.
- Lending work to other students.
- Creating false data, such as claiming to have run an experiment or inventing sources.
- Having a tutor edit or rewrite parts of work or providing too much assistance.
- Giving information or answers from a homework, quiz, or a test to other students.
- Falsifying any document or signature (such as a CAS record).
- Using purchased assignments or uploading assignments to a public site to be copied by others.

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Consequences of Academic Malpractice

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The consequences of engaging in Academic Malpractice are serious. If a documented pattern of Academic Malpractice becomes clear, the student will be dismissed from the school. ASF policies in place have been adopted to ensure a safe environment for the school community. Failure to comply with any of these policies will result in administrative action that could ultimately lead to dismissal from ASF.

| Unintentional Academic Malpractice | |
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| Step 1: Behavior Warning | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Student will repeat the assignment for partial credit to demonstrate understanding of Academic Integrity practices. 2. Incident entered as a PowerSchool Log for historical record. 3. Two detentions assigned. |
| Intentional Academic Malpractice | |
| Step 2: Behavior Probation | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Student receives zero credit for the assignment. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Working with the teacher, the student will repeat the assignment to demonstrate understanding of the Academic Integrity practices. |

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| | <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. During a Parent Meeting, Behavior Probation signed by student and guardian(s).3. In-School Suspension and After-School Detention assigned. |
| Step 3: Behavior Probation (Non-Reenrollment) | <p>In addition to Steps 1-3 above, further consequences include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Considered for permanent separation (non-re enrollment). |