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## **The International Baccalaureate Program Honor Code Policy**

*IB Learner Profile Trait, Principled:*

*We act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness and justice, and with respect for the dignity and rights of people everywhere. We take responsibility for our actions and their consequences.*

As an IB student at Hilton Head Island High School, you are expected to maintain the highest standards of academic honesty.

### ***What is Academic Honesty?***

Academic Honesty includes “a set of values and skills that promote personal integrity and good practice in teaching, learning, and assessment. It is influenced and shaped by a variety of factors including peer pressure, culture, parental expectations, role modelling and taught skills.”

From the IB Organization’s ***Academic Honesty*** Policy Document

***Academic Dishonesty*** involves malpractice. “The *IB General Regulations: Diploma Program* defines 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 components.”

From the IBO’s ***Academic Honesty Flyer***

The members of the IB faculty are opposed to cheating for several reasons:

- Students who are mature enough to select a difficult and valuable program must also be mature enough to face a low grade when they have earned it.
- Cheating allows a student to receive the same or better grade than students who have put in the time and effort to master the material. Dishonestly inflated grades ultimately and unfairly raise the cheater’s grade point and class rank, simultaneously lowering the rank of students who study.
- Not only does cheating misrepresent the student’s mastery of the subject to parents, employers, and colleges, it also distorts the teacher’s perception of the curriculum effectiveness and class progress.

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- The threat of cheating forces the teacher to patrol and sleuth activities that reduce the amount of time he or she is available for productive teaching and course improvement.
- The adherents of almost all religions and philosophies believe cheating to be morally wrong.

So that the expectations of the IB faculty are clear, we have compiled a list of behaviors that are forms of cheating. Specific types of academic dishonesty which will not be tolerated include but are not limited to:

<b>Cheating</b>	Intentional giving or use of external assistance relating to an examination, test, written assignment, presentation, or quiz without express permission of the teacher
<b>Disclosing/receiving information</b>	Exchanging assessment information with another student
<b>Fabrication</b>	Intentional falsification or invention of data, citation, or other authority in an academic exercise
<b>Collusion (Unauthorized Collaboration)</b>	Any intentional collaboration when it is not authorized by the teacher
<b>Plagiarism</b>	Any intentional representation of another person's ideas, words, or work as one's own (misuse of published materials, electronic material, and/or the work of other students. The original writer who intentionally shares his/her paper for another to copy, without the permission of the teacher, is also engaged in plagiarism.)
<b>Alteration of Materials</b>	Any intentional and unauthorized alteration of student, teacher, or library materials
<b>Forgery</b>	Any unauthorized signing of another person's name to school related documents
<b>Theft</b>	Any theft of materials
<b>Misconduct during an examination</b>	Any action not deemed appropriate, including the possession of unauthorized material
<b>Duplication of work_</b>	Any presentation of the same work for different assessment components and/or IB diploma requirements

**International Baccalaureate policy statements on cheating are as follows:**

- Where cheating is proven, a grade of "N" is awarded and no further registration by the candidate is allowed.
- If cheating, collusion or plagiarism is suspected in externally or internally assessed components of the examination, IB must be contacted immediately.

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Both IB and HHHS will treat violation of the academic honesty policy as a serious matter. In addition to receiving disciplinary action, the IB Diploma Program student who is found guilty of cheating will be a candidate for exit from the IB Diploma Program.

Senior IBDP students who are dropped from the IBDP but must keep all courses in which they are enrolled, including all IB courses. In addition, they

- Can not apply to colleges or for scholarships as an IB Diploma Candidate
  - If the student has already applied, the college/scholarship committee will be notified that he/she is no longer an IBDP Candidate.
- Will not receive the IBDP sash for graduation
- Will not be recognized in the Graduation Program as an IB Diploma Candidate
- Will not be recognized at Senior Class Night as an IB Diploma Candidate
- Will not be recognized in the community as an IB Diploma Candidate (such as in the *Island Packet*)
- Will not be recognized at or allowed to attend any IBDP functions (IB Senior Luncheon, IB Diploma Pinning and Conferral Ceremony, IB Pizza lunches, etc.)
- Will be changed to a different senior Connections class
- Will not have his/her Extended Essay submitted for scoring
- Will stay in CAS course or TOK-2 and complete all assignments

Junior IBDP students who are dropped from the IBDP but must keep all courses in which they are enrolled, including all IB courses. In addition, they

- Will not be recognized at or allowed to attend any IBDP functions (IB Senior Luncheon, IB Diploma Pinning and Conferral Ceremony, IB Pizza lunches, etc.)
- Will not be recognized in the community as an IB Diploma Candidate (such as in the *Island Packet*)
- Will stay in TOK-1 or Extended Essay course and complete all assignments
- Will not be given an Extended Essay mentor