

Kennewick High School

IB Student Academic Honesty Contract – 2020-21

The KHS academic program offers a quality education that not only ensures knowledge, but also cultivates the virtues of honor, respect and perseverance. Of these virtues, honor is perhaps of greatest importance, for it is personal integrity that will influence and finally determine the sincerity of our actions and the steadfastness of our beliefs. To help advance the development of such values, Kennewick High School established an academic honesty policy for all students. The IB Academic Honesty Contract holds our IB students to an even higher standard. This honor code applies to all classes, IB and non-IB, and all activities associated with Kennewick High School. We recognize that the IB program is a very demanding, rigorous program and, while we encourage students to study together and to discuss their work, ethical conduct is expected at all times.

What constitutes academic dishonesty?

Plagiarism - where the student attempts to pass off the ideas of someone else as their own.

Collusion - where more than one person has contributed to an assignment, which should be the student's own work. This includes, duplicating the work of another student or adult, disclosing or discussing the content of a test with a person outside the immediate school community within 24 hours after the examination, submitting work claimed as his or her own but accomplished by another person.

Extreme acts of dishonesty include but are not limited to the following: lying to a teacher, copying homework, stealing from a teacher or a student (for example, taking an exam or answer key), looking on someone else's test or quiz or letting another student look on your test or quiz, using unauthorized material on a test or paper and taking information from a source without proper acknowledgement.

Inherent in the Academic Honesty Contract and as part of honest and ethical behavior, we expect all students to report any infractions of which you are aware to his or her teacher and/or the IB coordinator.

Consequences for academic dishonesty could include:

- A zero on the suspect assignment, project or test
- Requirement to re-do the suspect assignment, project or test
- A phone call or letter to parents or guardians
- Conference with parents or guardians and/or principal
- Extreme cases could include suspension or a note in a student's "log entries" in our grade reporting system
- Any incident of plagiarism or cheating on official IB work to include exams, internal assessments, extended essay, or CAS will result in an investigation, which could result in any of the above steps and possible disqualification for the IB Diploma or Certificate.
- Investigations will be conducted by a school official and will adhere to student rights to due process

I, _____, do hereby resolve to uphold the KHS International Baccalaureate Academic Honesty Policy. I shall refrain from all forms of academic dishonesty, for example: cheating, plagiarism, or other deceitful means of obtaining good scores or grades. I recognize that the IB program is based upon the foundation of freedom, trust and respect. Academic honesty and integrity are essential to the existence and growth of any academic community. Without maintaining a high standard of honesty and conduct, the reputation of the school and of IB is compromised and society is poorly served.

I understand that inherent in this academic honesty contract is the responsibility of all members of the IB community to work to preserve the collective integrity of Kennewick High School's IB program.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date