Oakmont High School IB Student Honor Code

The International Baccalaureate (IB) program at Oakmont is about more than just challenging classes; it's a chance to challenge yourself, grow as a person, and show that you value honesty and respect for everyone around you. Having "honor" in this program means your personal integrity is what guides your choices and beliefs.

If you are taking an IB course, this Honor Code applies to you. You are expected to:

- Submit work that is entirely your own.
- Give proper credit to any research or sources you use.
- Encourage your classmates to follow these same rules.
- Uphold the Viking Expectations in all settings.

Being part of the Oakmont IB community means we all agree to act with integrity. This means not only do you act with integrity but you also agree to speak to a teacher or the IB Coordinator if you see someone else acting with a lack of integrity. Simply put, cheating or inappropriate behavior will not be ignored. These rules aren't just for formal IB exams—the Honor Code is enforced in every class you take and every school activity you participate in at Oakmont.

What counts as breaking the IB Honor Code? In the Oakmont IB program, "academic dishonesty" means more than just traditional cheating. Here are the main ways you can violate the code:

- **Plagiarism:** This means using someone else's words or ideas without giving them credit. It doesn't matter if it was an accident—it's still a violation. This includes but is not limited to:
    - Copying work without saying where it came from.
    - Using AI (like ChatGPT) without citing it.
    - Making up fake sources for an assignment.
- **Cheating:** Using unfair methods to get ahead on tests or assignments. This includes:
    - Using "cheat sheets" or looking at a neighbor's paper during a test.
    - Using your phone or any electronic device when you aren't supposed to.
    - Using online translators to do your work for you.
    - Sharing test questions or answers with friends who haven't taken the test yet.
- **Copying and Helping Others Cheat:** In an IB class, the person who *gives* the answers is in just as much trouble as the person who *takes* them. This includes:
    - Letting someone copy your homework, lab reports, or notes.
    - Providing your finished work to others so they can get credit for it.
- **Serious Academic Misconduct:** These are major rules set by the IB organization. Breaking them can get you disqualified from the whole program. Examples include:
    - Lying about your CAS experiences or data for a project.
    - Using the same essay for two different classes.
    - Bringing unauthorized materials into an official exam room.
    - Talking about an IB exam with anyone outside of school within 24 hours after the test.
    - Trying to steal or share official IB exam papers.
- **Respect and Behavior:** The term "Honor" also means treating everyone with respect. Enrollment in the IB Program and classes carries the responsibility of positive representation. Students should adhere to the Viking Expectations at all times.

Bottom Line: Participating in any of these actions—or helping someone else do them—is a violation of the Honor Code and will be treated seriously by both your teachers and administration.

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What happens if the Honor Code is broken?

Both Oakmont HS and the OHS IB community take these rules seriously. Each incident of respect and behavior misconduct will be recorded in Aeries and evaluated independently to determine the appropriate response.

If an academic violation occurs, your IB teachers will follow the **Oakmont IB: Academic Malpractice Guide.** Your teacher will notify your parents and the incident will be recorded in Aeries. If a behavior violation occurs, the IB Honor Code Panel will convene and discuss the next steps for the student.

The International Baccalaureate organization is very strict about academic honesty. If you violate the Honor Code—even just once—you risk losing your IB certificate or your IB Diploma. The IB requires that your teachers and the IB coordinator officially sign off that your work is original. They are not allowed to authenticate your work if you've been caught being dishonest. Therefore, any work that cannot be authenticated as your own work won't be sent in to the IB for scoring.

Honor Pledge

I hereby pledge to uphold the IB Honor Code at Oakmont High School. I shall refrain from all forms of academic dishonesty/malpractice. If I have knowledge that a student has violated the honor code, I have an obligation to take action to prevent damage to the program and its participants.

As a representative of the IB Program, I understand that my conduct reflects not only on myself but on the reputation of Oakmont High School. I commit to upholding the Viking Expectations in all settings—demonstrating Respect, Responsibility, Integrity and Engagement in my daily interactions. I recognize that being an IB student means acting as a role model, and I will maintain a standard of behavior that honors the program's values and our school community.

I understand that breaches of the IB Honor Code may result in my removal from the International Baccalaureate Program.

I have read and agree to abide by the Oakmont High School **IB Honor Code.**

Student Name _____ Student Graduation Year _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Name _____

Parent Signature _____

I am a

- ☐ Certificate student taking one or more IB classes this school year
- ☐ Diploma Student

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