



AGREEMENT FOR ACADEMIC HONESTY
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Our Academic Honesty Policy (AHP) is developed to support strict IBO regulations to prevent malpractice. Participation in the IB program requires students to work and meet expectations at the college level. Academic Honesty is strictly enforced in college, the IB Programme, and at Modesto High School. Violations of the AHP are cumulative and carry over to subsequent years. All violations will be recorded and maintained in both the Supervision and the IB offices. In order to maintain the integrity of the IB Program, the following guidelines for Academic Honesty will be followed by all students in IB courses:

1. Modesto High School defines cheating/malpractice as "the actual giving or receiving of any unauthorized aid or assistance on any form of any academic work." Cheating/malpractice consists of, but is not limited to, exchanging tests, reports, papers, etc., copying from another student's paper, giving answers, giving out questions that are on a test, using unauthorized notes during a test, or use of electronic devices to post or obtain unauthorized work.
2. "Plagiarism is the act of using another person's ideas or expressions in your writing without acknowledging the source." Plagiarism is a form of cheating. The submission of work that has been written—in part or in whole—by another person, without acknowledgement of source, is considered plagiarism or malpractice. If you use an idea from (including but not limited to) a book, movie, speech, magazine, documentary, lecture, journal, work of art, teleplay, or any electronic source, including the internet, and then represent it as your original thought—even if it is expressed in your own words—then you have committed an act of plagiarism/malpractice. (From *The Writer's Handbook*, Modesto City Schools).
3. The IB Organization defines academic misconduct as behavior (whether deliberate or inadvertent) that results in, or may result in, the candidate or any other candidate gaining unfair advantage in one or more components of assessment. Behavior that may disadvantage another candidate is also regarded as academic misconduct. Academic misconduct is a breach of these regulations and includes, but is not restricted to, the following:
 - a. Plagiarism—this is defined as the representation, intentionally or unintentionally, of the ideas, words or work of another person without proper, clear and explicit acknowledgment.
 - b. Collusion—this is defined as supporting academic misconduct by another candidate, for example, allowing one's work to be copied or submitted for assessment by another.
 - c. Duplication of work—this is defined as the presentation of the same work for different assessment components and/or DP core requirements.

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- d. Misconduct during an IB examination (for example, taking unauthorized material into an examination, behavior that disrupts the examination or distracts other candidates, or communicating with another candidate).
- e. Any other behavior that gains an unfair advantage for a candidate or that affects the results of another candidate (for example, falsifying a CAS record, disclosure of information to and receipt of information from candidates about the content of an examination paper within 24 hours after a written examination via any form of communication/media).

**Number 3 is taken, in its entirety, from “General regulations: Diploma Programme” published by the IBO in April 2014.*

4. Additional Guidelines include but are not limited to the following:
 - Do not use any materials not approved by your instructor.
 - Do not use a translator for projects, papers, or tests.
 - Only use a calculator as directed by the teacher.
 - Collaboration may be allowed at the discretion of the teacher; copying is not the same as collaborating.
 - Purposefully falsifying data.
5. Often teachers require that both a digital copy and a hard copy of work be submitted. Digital copies may be required to be submitted both directly to the teacher and through Turnitin Plagiarism Detection Service (turnitin.com). IB students are required to meet teacher deadlines for these documents.
 - Digital copy and hard copy versions must be identical.
 - If students do not have access to a computer or a computer with internet access at home, there are computers available in various locations on campus for student use before and after school and at lunch. There are also computers available at the public library.
 - If any of these requirements pose a hardship, students must communicate with the teacher/IB Coordinator prior to established due dates.
6. Cell Phone/Electronic Devices—During assessment all cell phones and electronic devices including smart watches must be turned off and put away in accordance with the teacher’s instruction.
 - In order to be consistent with IB Testing Regulations, students may be required to keep backpacks and/or digital devices in a designated area.
7. Definitions and Discussions on Academic Dishonesty: All Incoming Freshmen students are given a packet with specific examples and numerous definitions of Academic Dishonesty. During the first few weeks of school, time is spent during class examining and discussing these examples. Students are required to read, review, and respond to the material.
 - This packet must be kept throughout high school and will be revisited annually.

Consequences for Violations of Academic Honesty

Violations are cumulative and carry over to subsequent years.

1. First Time Offense

- Zero on the test/assignment.
- Unsatisfactory Citizenship in that grading period at the discretion of the instructor.
- Referral sent to Student Supervision Office and placed in student's discipline file.
- Referral copied to the IB Coordinator.
- A formal conference will take place between the Student Supervision Administrator and the student.
- The Student Supervision Administrator will contact the parent/guardian.
- Teacher will contact the parent/guardian.

2. Second Offense

- Zero on the test/assignment.
- Unsatisfactory Citizenship in that grading period.
- Referral sent to Student Supervision Office resulting in a three-day suspension and placed in the student's discipline file.
- Referral copied to the IB Coordinator.
- The student will go before the Academic Integrity Panel to determine eligibility for continuation in the IB program.

3. Third Offense

- Zero on the test/assignment.
- Unsatisfactory Citizenship in that grading period.
- Referral sent to Student Supervision Office resulting in a five-day suspension and placed in the student's discipline file.
- Referral copied to the IB Coordinator
- Conference with Associate Principal, IB Coordinator, parent, and student regarding removal from the IB Program and/or Modesto High.

***Suspensions will be communicated to counselors and teachers and will influence letters of recommendation and answers to questions on applications to private colleges regarding student suspensions.**