

Are you completing your IB assignments honestly?

The IB expects Diploma Programme candidates to exercise academic honesty in all of their work, which includes acknowledging any sources used within an assignment.

The IB *General Regulations: Diploma Programme* defines malpractice as behaviour that results in, or may result in, the candidate or any other candidate gaining an unfair advantage in one or more assessment components.

ASK FOR ADVICE

As a Diploma Programme candidate you are responsible for ensuring that all of the work you submit is authentic and that any sources used are appropriately acknowledged. If you have any doubts please ask for advice.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- IB students are principled and act with integrity and honesty.
- IB students should be content creators not content imitators.
- If you engage in any form of malpractice you may not be eligible for a grade in the subject concerned.
- Do it right, remember to cite!
Credit where credit is due!

EXAMPLES OF MALPRACTICE

- **Plagiarism** - the representation of the ideas or work of another person as your own.
 - **Collusion** - supporting malpractice by another candidate, as in allowing your work to be copied or submitted for assessment by another candidate.
- **Duplication of work** - the presentation of the same work for different assessment components and/or IB diploma requirements.
- **Misconduct during an examination**, including the possession of unauthorized material.
- **Disclosing information** to another candidate, or **receiving information** from another candidate, about the content of an examination paper within 24 hours after the examination.

HOW TO AVOID PLAGIARISM

- Credit all the sources you use, even if you have paraphrased or summarized.
- Clearly distinguish between your work and the source being used (using quotation marks, indentation or a similar method).
 - Use a style of referencing that is appropriate for the subject.



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The IB takes academic honesty very seriously!

Dear Students and Parents

All students who wish to be recommended for university entrance, nominated for scholarships by the Semiahmoo Scholarship Committee, or complete the IB Diploma Program must meet the highest standard of academic honesty to represent Semiahmoo students.

The meaning of academic honesty

Academic honesty must be seen as 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 modeling and taught skills. Although it is probably easier to explain to candidates what constitutes academic dishonesty, with direct references to plagiarism, collusion and cheating in examinations, whenever possible we must look at the positive aspects, stressing the skills and benefits of properly conducted academic research and a respect for the integrity of all forms of assessment for the Diploma Program.

Although we aim to teach candidates to appreciate the merits of academic honesty, there must be no uncertainty over the consequences of acting in a dishonest manner or failing to observe the standard academic practice of acknowledging the work of another person. To do so would be a breach of the general regulations and constitute malpractice. Malpractice and/or suspensions will be reported on all university and scholarship counselor and reference forms. To be eligible, you must hold yourself to the highest standard of integrity.

If you plagiarize and/or demonstrate behaviour that results in, or may result in, you or any student gaining an unfair advantage in one or more assessment components, **you will lose your IB diploma.**

Please refer to the IB publication *Academic honesty* and the relevant articles in the *General regulations: Diploma Program* that have been emailed to you. After you have familiarized yourselves with these documents, please sign below:

Date: _____

Student: _____

Name: (Legal and called name) _____

Student #: _____

Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Best wishes for success in your studies!

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