

Academic Integrity Statement

CHEATING/PLAGIARISM/FALSIFICATION/FORGERY – Includes the actual giving or receiving of any unauthorized aid or assistance or the actual giving or receiving of unfair advantage on any form of academic work/the copying of the language structure, idea, or thought of another or your own previous material in a new class and representing it as one’s own original work/verbal or written statement of untruth/writing or presentation of written or visual documents for fraudulent purposes.

- Penalty – Cheating/Plagiarism, 1st offense will result in a “0” on the test, examination or student work involved and parent notification of the offense. Falsification and Forgery may result in detention or suspension dependent upon the severity. Habitual offenders may be suspended from school and/or removed from the IB program. (*3)

Natrona County High School IB Code of Student Conduct

Malpractice is defined as follows: Willful or deliberate unauthorized use of the work of another person or recycling your own work for academic purposes, or unauthorized use of notes or other material in the completion of an academic assignment or test, unauthorized use of intellectual property including art, literature, science, math, essays are all examples of Academic Malpractice. In addition to disciplinary responses, the student will receive no credit for the assignment, test or exam. Collaboration is unauthorized unless specifically stated in the assignment.

International Baccalaureate Malpractice Policy

- Where malpractice is proven, a grade of “N” is awarded and no further registration by the candidate is allowed. A zero /cheat will be recorded for the assignment.
- If malpractice, collusion or plagiarism is suspected in external or internally assessed components of the examination, IBCA must be contacted immediately. Test results will be invalidated.
- Both IB and NCHS will treat malpractice as a serious matter. A faculty/admin/coordinator team will review the incident to determine if malpractice has occurred.
- Turnitin.com will be used by teachers on selected assignments but all assignments are subject to random scanning for originality.
- If a student cheats, plagiarizes and/or lies, s/he may receive zero for the entire assignment and will not qualify for make up of the assignment. The IB Coordinator, in consultation with the school administration, may assign additional penalties based on the severity of the offense(s) up to and including expulsion from school and/or the IB program.
- If a student has been found guilty of malpractice, he or she will not be recommended for National Honor Society or any of the other honor societies; if the student is already a member, the sponsor of the organization and the principal will be notified with a recommendation for dismissal.
- Whether you are specifically asked to sign the honor pledge for each IB assignment or not, it will be understood that as an IB student you will always be able to sign the following:
On my honor, I promise that I will neither give nor receive help on an IB assignment or examination, nor will I pass on information to others.

PREVENTIVE STRATEGIES(*1)

1. Regarding plagiarism, the burden of proof always rests with the student. Therefore, be prepared to present, when asked, your actual sources of information, ideas, data, graphs, and quotations used in a piece of writing or an oral presentation. (Formal or informal citations are always expected.)
2. Rough drafts will always be required. So, be prepared for any given assignment, essay, etc. to produce evidence of your work when it was under progress or during the process.
3. Ask advice whenever there is uncertainty about the appropriate use of source material.
4. Discuss the expectations and definition of your teacher(s) with your parents/guardians. Values related to intellectual honesty can vary significantly among different cultures; therefore you must ensure

- your parents/guardians understand the expectations and definition of your teacher(s) and the IBO program's sense of academic honesty.
5. Use turnitin.com and your teacher's guidance to help guide your understanding of proper citation. It is your job to understand and utilize correct citing techniques.
 6. Make sure you understand the expectations and are aware of the consequences of breaking the code.
 7. Make sure you talk to your teacher(s) - open, honest, mature discussion of questions and difficulties goes a long way to developing a sense of comfort and trust.
 8. When something 'bad' happens, expect there to be consequences. Do not compound the incident by attempting to excuse the behavior you have been previously warned is unacceptable.
 9. Ensure you attach a copy of the 'Honor Pledge' to each assignment submitted to the teacher(s) under your name. (If advised to by the teacher(s)).

I have read, understand, and agree to the terms of the IB Honor Code and understand the definition and consequences of malpractice.

IB Candidate Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

**1: borrowed and adapted from: IBO News Item May 15-2003; George Mason University Honor Code; Lexington High School Honor Code*

2: borrowed and adapted from article: Honesty Tips (The Scale of Justice) by Fred Piderit within IB World- February 2003, page 12. Special

3: borrowed and adapted from Rocky Mountain HS Honor Code