



IB Diploma Programme Honor Code

The International Baccalaureate offers a quality education that not only ensures knowledge, but also cultivates the virtues of honor, courtesy, and perseverance. Of these virtues, honor is of great importance, for it is personal integrity that will influence and finally determine many of our actions and beliefs. To help the development of such values, the IB Honor Code has been established to help uphold the tradition of excellence for which West High School is known and respected. We devised the Honor Code in order to clarify expectations for students who find themselves in an unfortunate circumstance, but especially to preserve the integrity of our IB programme and what it represents.

The IB Diploma Programme is difficult, and while collaborative study is both accepted and encouraged in many circumstances, ethical conduct is expected at all times. IB students shall be honor-bound to refrain from academic malpractice. The IB Organization defines academic malpractice as behavior that results in, or may result in the candidate or any other candidate gaining an unfair advantage in one or more assessment components. Malpractice includes the following:

- Plagiarism: this is defined as the representation of the ideas or work of another person as the candidate's own
- Collusion: this is defined as supporting malpractice by another candidate, as in allowing one's work to be copied or submitted for assessment by another
- Duplication of work: this is defined as the presentation of the same work for different assessment components and/or IB diploma requirements
- Any other behavior that gains an unfair advantage for a candidate that affects the results of another candidate (for example, taking unauthorized material into an examination, misconduct during an examination, falsifying a CAS record, disclosure of information and receipt of information from candidates about the content of an examination paper within 24 hours after a written examination)

All of the above is reason for exclusion from the IB programme and revocation of an IB Magnet transfer. Students are also duty-bound to take action to stop any violation of the Honor Code. Action may include speaking directly to the offender and/or speaking privately to a teacher, counselor, or administrator. Inaction implies that the student-witness condones inappropriate behavior. Living in a manner that is consistent with this code will produce an atmosphere of trust, freedom, and integrity that distinguishes West High from other schools.

By signing below, I agree to the Honor Code as stated.

I do hereby resolve to uphold the Honor Code of the International Baccalaureate at West High School. IB is a community that operates with high standards by which all its students should live. I shall refrain from all forms of academic dishonesty. As a member of the IB community, I am expected to report any knowledge I may have about a student who has violated the Honor Code. Without maintaining a high standard of honesty and conduct, the reputation of the school, of IB, and of myself are compromised.

I understand that any breach of the Honor Code may result in my removal from the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date