



IB HONOR CODE



The IB Program offers a quality education that not only insures 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. As a student of the RHS-Pre IB or IB Program at Ridgeview High School, each person is expected to maintain the highest standard of academic integrity.

The members of the IB faculty are opposed to cheating because

- Cheating allows a student to receive the same or better grade than students who have put in the time and effort to master the material. Dishonestly inflated grades ultimately and unfairly raise the violator's grade point and class rank, simultaneously lowering the rank of students who study.
- Cheating misrepresents a student's mastery of the subject to parents and colleges.
- Cheating distorts the teacher's perception of curriculum effectiveness and class progress.
- Students who are mature enough to select a difficult and valuable program must also be mature enough to face a low score when they have earned it.
- Every student has the right to pursue an education free from the problems caused by any form of intellectual dishonesty.

The IB course of study is rigorous, and while a group study is both accepted and encouraged, ethical conduct is expected at all times. Students are to refrain from

- The actual giving or receiving of any unauthorized aid or assistance on any form of any academic work.
- Plagiarism which includes the copying of or representation of another's work, thoughts, or ideas as my own.
- Plagiarism which claims as my own work information from the Internet.
- Violations of individual teacher / course cheating policies.

If a violation of the Honor Code occurs, the incident will be thoroughly investigated and documented. If the student is found to have violated the Honor Code, he / she would then be placed on disciplinary probation for the remainder of his / her time in the IB program. If that student violates the Honor Code again, that student will be dismissed immediately from the program.

The International Baccalaureate Organization may withdraw a diploma at any time after its issue if a breach in regulations is discovered and documented.

HONOR PLEDGE

I do hereby resolve to uphold the Honor Code of the International Baccalaureate Program at Ridgeview High School. I shall refrain from all forms of academic dishonesty, such as cheating, plagiarism, or other deceitful means of obtaining good grades.

The International Baccalaureate Program operates as a community which provides the foundation of freedom, trust, and respect in society. Upon admission to IB, I agree to make a commitment to uphold and support the Honor System.

Academic honesty and integrity are essential to the existence and growth of any academic community. Without maintaining a high standard of honesty and conduct, the reputation of the school and of IB are compromised and society is poorly served.

All members of the IB community who have knowledge that a student has violated the Honor Code are expected to report the situation.

I understand that if I breach the Honor Code, it may result in my removal from the International Baccalaureate Program.

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I understand and agree to abide by the provisions set forth in this document.

Student Signature

Date

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date