



Springstead High School IB Diploma Programme Student Honor Code



Overview: The International Baccalaureate offers a quality education that not only assures 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 IB excellence. The Honor Code will help to clarify expectations for students who find themselves in an unfortunate circumstance and will help to preserve the integrity of the IB Diploma Programme during the 11th and 12th grades and the Springstead Pre-IB program during the 9th and 10th grades.

Teacher support and IB Student expectations: The IB Programme at Springstead High School seeks to create an academic atmosphere that encourages students to reach their full potential. To better prepare students for the expectations and demands of the IB Programme, all Springstead High School teachers will provide support to students regarding correct academic practice when it comes to research, presentation, and assessment to ensure authentic student work. Each of the course syllabi will include a synopsis of plagiarism/cheating, and will provide students with essential support to help them avoid any issues of academic dishonesty. Every student should strive to embody the characteristics of the IB Learner Profile, but must not sacrifice their honor in doing so. When in doubt, students are encouraged to seek guidance.

1. Malpractice- How the IB defines plagiarism, collusion, collaboration, and duplication of work

- 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 diploma requirements
- Any other behavior that gains an unfair advantage for a candidate or 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 to and receipt of information from candidates about the content of an examination paper within 24 hours after a written examination).

2. Cheating, Plagiarism, and Academic Dishonesty is a serious infraction that can take the form of, but not limited to:

- Collusion - Copying/ duplicating/ exchanging work in person or via social media
- Demonstrating the intent to use and/or possession of an electronic device (such as a cell phone or calculator) or any other material that has not been explicitly approved for use on an exam/test
- Looking at other students' work, demonstrating intent, or using a "cheat sheet" or notes during assessments
- Not properly referencing/citing sources (Proper citation method needed- MLA, etc...)
- Downloading papers/responses from internet
- Using the internet to answer assessments without the teacher's explicit permission
- Discussing test/quiz information; Giving/receiving answers
- Plagiarizing; Fabricating information
- Access of the College Board website or using website materials for the purpose of researching questions without the explicit approval of the teacher

* Although student collaboration is encouraged to develop the traits of the IB Learner profile, student must not submit work that questions the originality/authenticity of the work. Students who submit highly similar or duplicate work will have been assumed to engage in collusion, and fall under the aforementioned provision of cheating.



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3. Bullying, harassment, and conduct unbecoming of an IB Student:

- The IB Coordinator reserves the sole right to remove students from the IB Programme who engage in acts of bullying, harassment, or conduct unbecoming of an IB student (inappropriate actions or remarks) at any point during the school year, regardless of school choice.

4. Removal from the Springstead High School IB Diploma Programme:

- Students who cannot live up to the above expectations may be removed from the Springstead High School Pre-IB/IB Programme at the discretion of the IB Coordinator at any point in the school year, regardless of school choice.
- Violations/infractions: students who receive a discipline or are identified for cheating, bullying/harassment, inappropriate conduct or ANY other violation of school board policy
- Springstead Pre-IB students (9th & 10th grade) will be given a warning and placed on probation on a given first infraction of the SHS IB Honor Code. A second violation may result in the dismissal of the student from the SHS IB Programme. The IB Coordinator reserves the sole discretion to dismiss a student from the Springstead IB Programme based on the severity of the offense at any point during the school year, regardless of school choice.
- Springstead IB Diploma Students (11th & 12th grade) may be removed from the Diploma Programme on any infraction of the Honor Code without a warning process. The IB Coordinator reserves the sole discretion to dismiss a student from the Springstead IB Programme based on the severity of the offense at any point during the school year, regardless of school choice.
- **For ALL Springstead High School Pre-IB and IB students, discipline issues are cumulative for four years and/or during the entire enrollment in the IB Programme.**
- ANY IB Diploma student who is suspected of malpractice with an IB assessment or exam will be reported to the IB for investigation. Students should refer to the General Regulations for additional information.

5. Leaving the Pre-IB or IB Program for Out of Zone Students:

- Out of zone students who leave the program either voluntarily or per the IB Coordinator's recommendation/dismissal will return to their regularly zoned high school at a date determined by the IB Coordinator.

By signing below, parents and students have read and acknowledge the expectations of SHS pre-IB and IB students. Furthermore, parents and students acknowledge and understand the consequences associated with a student violation of the Springstead High School IB Honor Code.

Student Name (printed)

Student Signature

Date

Parent Name (printed)

Parent Signature

Date