



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, individual authorship, and personal integrity. The Springstead IB Student Honor Code has been established to communicate these expectations to students (grades 9-12), and to establish a policy of clarification, support, and a disciplinary process for probation and potential dismissal for student violations identified by the Honor Code.

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

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. Although student collaboration is encouraged to develop the traits of the IB Learner profile, students 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
- 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
- Downloading or using interns sourcing to answer assessments without the teacher's explicit permission
- Discussing test/quiz information; giving/receiving answers; **group text chats; air dropping**
- Plagiarism; not properly referencing/citing sources (proper citation method needed- MLA, etc...)- student work demonstrates the intent to claim authentic authorship but is proven otherwise (antiplagiarism detection software)
- The use of **Generative AI** (such as ChatGPT, etc.) and **Digital Writing Assistance Programs** (such as Grammarly, etc.) is strictly prohibited for **ALL** in-class, Advanced Placement, or International Baccalaureate assignments or assessments. The use of AI and Digital Writing Assistance Programs explicitly compromise the authorship and authenticity of the work presented by the student. Therefore, the documented use (anti-AI detection software) of the aforementioned programs within student work constitutes a gross infraction of the SHS IB Student Honor Code under Cheating/Plagiarism/Academic Dishonesty.



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3. Bullying, harassment, or 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/Plagiarism/Academic Dishonesty, Bullying/Harassment, inappropriate conduct or ANY other violation of school board policy.
- Springstead Pre-IB students (9th & 10th grade) may be given a warning and placed on probation on the first infraction of the SHS IB Honor Code, whereas a second violation may result in the dismissal of the student from the SHS IB Programme. **However, 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.
- IB Diploma students who engage in and demonstrate **academic malpractice** with an IB assessment (IO, IA, ToK Essay, Extended Essay, or paper exam) will be reported to the IB Office of Academic Integrity. Furthermore, the Springstead IB student disciplinary procedure will be followed for proven cases of Academic Dishonesty, resulting in the immediate dismissal of the student from the IB Programme from Springstead High School. Students should refer to the General Regulations for additional information. In such cases, the students are bound by the terms of the Springstead Student IB Diploma Contract regarding fees and graduation requirements.

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 enrolled in the Diploma Programme at Springstead High have read and accept the terms and processes identified in the Springstead High School DP Student Honor Code.

Student Name (printed)

Student Signature

Date

Parent Name (printed)

Parent Signature

Date