

Riverview IB: Academic Integrity Policy Honor Code

Academic honesty is a fundamental principle of the Riverview International Baccalaureate (IB) Program. All applicants must agree to abide by the Riverview IB Honor Code. Each year, all IB students must sign the Honor Code and participate in Academic Honesty training.

The International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) mandates academic integrity, as stated in the IBO General Regulations, Article 3.3: "Candidates are required to act in a responsible and ethical manner throughout their participation in the Diploma Programme...which includes not engaging in academic misconduct (as defined in article 20)."

The Riverview IB faculty expects all students to uphold academic integrity. This policy clarifies these expectations and explains how faculty will support students in maintaining academic honesty.

Definition of Academic Misconduct

According to the IBO General Regulations: Diploma Programme (IBO, 2014), "academic misconduct is behavior (whether deliberate or inadvertent) that results in, or may result in, the candidate or any other candidate gaining an unfair advantage in one or more components of assessment." This also includes actions that disadvantage another candidate. Academic misconduct includes, but is not limited to:

- **Plagiarism:** Representing another person's ideas, words, or work as one's own without proper acknowledgment.
- **Collusion:** Supporting academic misconduct by another candidate, such as allowing one's work to be copied.
- **Duplication of work:** Submitting the same work for different assessment components or IB core requirements.
- **Exam misconduct:** Bringing unauthorized materials into an exam, disrupting an exam, or communicating with another candidate.
- **Other dishonest behavior:** Any action that unfairly benefits oneself or affects another candidate's results.

Responsibility of Faculty

The IB Coordinator shall:

- Provide IB faculty with the IBO's **Academic Honesty in the IB Educational Context** document and ensure understanding and compliance.

- Regularly communicate expectations of academic honesty to students and staff.

Teachers shall:

- Educate students on academic dishonesty and its consequences.
- Teach students proper citation techniques and how to acknowledge sources appropriately.
- Be vigilant in preventing and identifying academic misconduct.
- Design assignments and assessments to minimize opportunities for dishonesty, including using plagiarism detection tools when appropriate.
- Read, understand, and adhere to the **IBO's Academic Honesty in the IB Educational Context** document.

Responsibility of Students

Students shall:

- Refrain from engaging in any form of academic misconduct, including plagiarism, collusion, duplication of work, and other dishonest practices.
- Learn correct citation methods and seek guidance when needed. Ignorance of citation standards does not excuse misconduct.
- Ensure their work is authentic and completed independently unless collaboration is explicitly permitted.
- Report instances of academic dishonesty to a faculty member.
- Work collaboratively only when authorized, seeking clarification from teachers if unsure.

Riverview IB Honor Code

The International Baccalaureate fosters education that values honor, perseverance, and integrity. Academic integrity is essential, influencing both actions and beliefs. The Riverview IB Honor Code outlines behaviors considered academic dishonesty:

1. Looking at another student's test or quiz.
2. Plagiarizing any source, including internet content, in assignments.
3. Sharing test or quiz content with others who have not taken it.
4. Receiving unauthorized help on independent assignments.

5. Using unauthorized notes during an exam.
6. Allowing another student to copy work during a test or quiz.
7. Using signals to communicate answers.
8. Reviewing a peer's test answers upon entering the room after an exam has started.
9. Misrepresenting CAS hours or activities.
10. Using unauthorized technology to share or obtain answers.
11. Failing to report knowledge of another student's academic dishonesty.
12. Committing any act that violates school policy, civil, or criminal law.

Consequences of Violating the Honor Code

Both Riverview IB and school administration treat academic dishonesty as a serious offense. Teachers may address first-time violations independently or report them to administration. All violations will be documented, and repeated offenses will be reviewed by the IB Honor Council, consisting of the Principal, IB Assistant Principal, IB Coordinator, a counselor, and at least one faculty member. Consequences may include:

- Disciplinary action.
- Possible removal from the IB program.
- Ineligibility for the National Honor Society or other honor organizations.
- Withheld letters of recommendation to colleges.
- Requirement to report violations to colleges.

A violation of the IB Honor Code indicates that a student is not in good standing within the IBO.

Regardless of whether students are asked to sign the honor pledge for each assignment, it is understood that all Riverview IB students commit to the following:

“On my honor, I promise that I have neither given nor received help on this assignment/examination, nor will I pass on information to others.”