

**INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE  
ST. PETERSBURG HIGH SCHOOL**

**IB HONOR CODE**

As a student of the pre-diploma or IB Diploma Program at St. Petersburg High School you are expected to maintain the highest standard of academic integrity. Honor means staking one's good name on one's truthfulness, trustworthiness or reliability.

The members of the IB faculty are opposed to cheating for several reasons:

- 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 cheater's grade point and class rank, simultaneously lowering the rank of students who study.
- Not only does cheating misrepresent a student's mastery of the subject to parents and colleges, it also distorts the teacher's perception of curriculum effectiveness and class progress.
- The threat of cheating forces the teacher to patrol activities, thus reducing the amount of time he or she has available for productive teaching and course improvement.
- Students who are mature enough to select a difficult and valuable program must also be mature enough to face a low grade 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.

I understand that the IB course of study is rigorous, and while group study is both accepted and encouraged, ethical conduct is expected at all times (please see individual teacher/course cheating policies). Academic violation of the Honor Code consists of the following:

1. Cheating includes the actual giving or receiving of any unauthorized aid or assistance on any form of any academic work.
2. Plagiarism includes the copying of or representation of another's work as one's own.
3. Plagiarism also includes claiming as you own work, information from the Internet.

Violation of the Honor Code will be handled in accordance with the Discipline Policy of St. Petersburg High School. "Cases of suspected malpractice in relation to a candidate's work after the candidate has signed the cover sheet to the effect that it is his or her own work and constitutes the final version of that work" will be sent to the IB Organization for investigation in accordance with The General Regulations: Diploma Programme, Section B. Academic Infringements. This document was given to students at the start of junior year, it is also available on the website: [www.stpetehigh.com](http://www.stpetehigh.com).

Academic honesty, integrity and upstanding behavior are essential to the existence and growth of any academic community. Without maintaining high standards of honesty and conduct, the reputation of the school and the IB Program are compromised.

I understand that breaches of the Honor Code may result in my removal from the International Baccalaureate Program at St. Petersburg High School and/or result in loss of marks or IB Diploma as outlined in the General Regulations: Diploma Programme.

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Student Name (please print)

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Student Signature

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Date

