

Academic Honesty Policy
Coastal Middle School and Johnson High School

The MYP strives to create principled, balanced, and open minded thinkers who use the IB Learner Profiles and Approaches to Learning skills throughout the school year. In an increasingly diverse world, students are exposed to a variety of educational experiences that include working with their peers and using virtual and print texts to find valuable and useful information. Students are expected to display academic honesty at all times, developing original ideas, as well as giving credit to the intellectual property and authorship of others.

Responsibilities

Staff and Administration

- Model and encourage appropriate collaboration.
- Clarify the difference between collaboration and collusion.
- Model correct practices for citing and acknowledging the intellectual property of others.
- Document and provide consequences for academic dishonesty.

Students

- Contribute appropriately with a group This includes being open-minded to the contributions of others, ensuring fairness of responsibilities, and honoring the difference between collaboration and collusion.
- Complete independent work in a principled manner, providing honest feedback on their own work and the work of others.
- Use technology and other resources appropriately- refrain from plagiarizing, cite the work and ideas of others, and include a reference list or MLA/APA citation as directed.

Parents

- Encourage students to represent their own work and ideas with integrity.
- Recognize the importance of the Academic Honesty Policy and support its implementation.

Academic Misconduct, which may or may not result in the student or any other student gaining an unfair advantage, includes, but is not limited to

Collusion	Aiding in academic misconduct by allowing one's work to be copied or misrepresenting how work was completed, including completing a project jointly and submitting it as an independent assignment (or vice versa)
Duplication of work	Using the same work for different assessment purposes
Plagiarism	Copying another person's text, images, or ideas without correct citation and acknowledgement
Other	Any behavior that results in a student having an unfair advantage, including using unauthorized sources or references (notes, another paper, electronic device), unauthorized use of software or websites that translate or provide work that is not one's own, communicating during testing, and any other action that does not give credit to intellectual property or authentic authorship.

Consequences for violating the Academic Honesty Policy may be

First Offense	Parent contact, alternate assignment for lesser grade (highest possible grade of 60%). IB level of achievement will be determined by the alternate assignment
Second Offense	Parent contact, detention and/or referral to counselors, alternate assignment for lesser grade (highest possible grade of 60%) IB level of achievement will be determined by the alternate assignment
Third Offense	Required parent conference, disciplinary referral for repeated violations

For further information on academic honesty, as well as how to appropriately give credit to others' intellectual property, please visit the following websites.

- The IB publication "Effective Citing and Referencing"
- Purdue OWL Writing Lab
- Easybib

I, _____, understand my personal responsibilities as an MYP student. I will uphold the Academic Honesty Policy and accept the necessary consequences of my actions.

Student Signature **Date**

Parent Signature **Date**