

Academic Integrity Policy and Contract (DP)

Southbank students strive for excellence within a community founded on integrity and respect. Allied to the intellectual rigour of the IB Diploma programme is a strong emphasis on taking responsibility. Taking the Learner Profile as their inspiration, Southbank students should endeavour to inquire and to communicate their knowledge in a principled way. With these aims in mind, this code of practice presents the IBO and the school's expectations concerning academic integrity.

Academic integrity must be seen as a set of values and skills that promote personal integrity and good practice in teaching, learning and assessment.¹ **Failure to comply with the IBO's regulations may have serious consequences, not least the possible failure of the Diploma.**

Academic integrity

All students are expected to demonstrate academic integrity in the completion and submission of all work. To achieve this, students need to know what is acceptable practice and how to avoid collusion and plagiarism when utilising another person's work.

Collusion is the supply of work from one person to another, knowing that it will be submitted (in whole or in part) by that person as his/her own.

Plagiarism is the presentation of someone else's work as one's own, in whole or in part, without acknowledgement.

Paraphrasing It is perfectly acceptable to use someone else's words or ideas, providing the source of the information is acknowledged. Changing the order of words or phrases, or the order of the original sentence and failing to cite the source, is unacceptable and regarded as plagiarism.

Students must attribute ideas, information or quotations derived from a known source. Information that is common knowledge does not require an attribution. When there is doubt whether the information is common knowledge, the source should always be attributed.

If a student has any questions about academic integrity it is their responsibility to seek advice from the academic staff and the librarians.

As an IB student I recognise that:

- The text or ideas of another person, if incorporated in my work, must be acknowledged using a recognised convention of citation.
- The acknowledgement of sources is a standard academic practice that must be observed.
- The same piece of work cannot be submitted for different aspects of assessment.
- I must not give my own work to another student knowing that it will be submitted for assessment as the work of that student.
- It is a breach of regulations to give or receive confidential information about IB exams, or bring unauthorised material into an exam.
- That apart from collaborative work specified by the IBO or a teacher, producing an assignment with another person is collusion and therefore a form of malpractice.
- I must not attempt to gain or offer to another candidate an unfair advantage in any aspect of assessment.
- All work that I submit for assessment must be authentic, and failing to sign a declaration to this effect may result in my work not being assessed

¹ handbooks.ibo.org/xwiki/.../A8.1+The+meaning+of+academic+integrity?

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| Student name | | Grade | |
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Please sign and date two copies.

Retain one copy for your reference and give the other copy to the IB DP Coordinator.