

**INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM**  
**ST. PETERSBURG HIGH SCHOOL**

## **IB HONOR CODE**

Students in the Pre-Diploma or IB program at St. Petersburg High School are expected to maintain the highest standard of academic and personal integrity. Integrity includes honesty, trustworthiness and reliability. Every student has the right to pursue an education free from the problems caused by any form of intellectual dishonesty.

The IB Learner Profile attribute of “Principled” encourages students to act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness and justice, and with respect for the dignity and rights of people everywhere. Students are encouraged to take responsibility for their actions and their consequences.

This Honor Code is intended to clearly communicate the expectations of membership in the IB Program. Violation of the Code will be handled in accordance with the discipline policy of St. Petersburg High School (provided at the end of this document) since infractions compromise the integrity of the school and the IB program. Violations may also result in disciplinary or academic probation and ultimately may cause a student to be removed from the program.

### **MALPRACTICE**

According to the General regulations: Diploma Programme document, The International Baccalaureate Organization defines *malpractice* as “behavior (whether deliberate or inadvertent) that results in, or may result in, the candidate or any other candidate gaining an unfair advantage...” and includes:

- **Plagiarism** – the representation, intentionally or unintentionally, of the ideas, words, or work of another person without proper, clear and explicit acknowledgment.
- **Collusion** – the supporting of malpractice by another candidate, as allowing one’s work to be copied or submitted for assessment by another
- **Misconduct during an assessment** – for example, taking unauthorized material into an exam i.e. electronic devices, notes etc.

The IB faculty is opposed to malpractice and cheating for several reasons.

- Cheating does not level the playing field. Cheating misrepresents to students, parents, teachers and colleges authentic mastery of the subject.
- The time taken to monitor students for cheating causes a reduction in the time a teacher has to use for academic instruction.
- Students who are mature enough to select and qualify for a rigorous academic program should also be mature and committed enough to work for and accept the grades they earn.

Students who have questions regarding whether or not something constitutes plagiarism have a responsibility to consult with the teacher *prior* to submitting the work/assignment.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Students are expected to be in attendance for every class barring serious illness or hospitalization. With the block schedule, a significant amount of instructional time is lost when students are absent. It is expected that students will schedule make up work with teachers immediately upon returning to school

### **DISMISSAL**

Students may be dismissed from the IB Program for involvement in a disciplinary infraction of a serious nature, such as battery, bullying, fighting, drugs, alcohol, weapon, gang-related activity, and felony arrest.

By signing my name I am making a personal commitment to academic integrity. I understand the expectations and the importance of academic honesty and I further agree to comply with the IB Honor Code.

Student's Name Printed \_\_\_\_\_ Student's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

### **St. Petersburg High School Discipline Guidelines:**

#### **ACADEMIC CHEATING/PLAGIARISM CONSEQUENCES**

1<sup>ST</sup> OFFENSE – Zero on assignment/parent contact

2<sup>nd</sup> OFFENSE – Zero on assignment/Discipline Referral/parent contact/Administrative detention

3<sup>rd</sup> OFFENSE - Zero on assignment/Discipline Referral/parent contact/1-3 days ABS or IC