



# INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMME at LARGO HIGH SCHOOL

## IB ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

### HONOR CODE



Scholars in the International Baccalaureate Programme at Largo 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. This Honor Code is intended to clearly communicate the expectations of membership in the IB Programme. Violation of the Code will be handled in accordance with the discipline policy of Largo High School since infractions compromise the integrity of the school and the IB programme. Violations will also result in disciplinary or academic probation and ultimately may cause a student to be removed from the programme.

#### MALPRACTICE

The International Baccalaureate Organization defines *malpractice* as “behavior that results in, or may result in, the candidate or any other candidate gaining an unfair advantage...” and includes:

- Plagiarism – the representation of the ideas or work of another person or entity (including Artificial Intelligence) as the candidate’s own
- Collusion – the supporting of malpractice by another candidate, as allowing one’s work to be copied or submitted for another
- Duplication of work – the presentation of the same work for different assignments
- Other – includes
  - o taking unauthorized materials into an exam, test, quiz, or other assessment situation
  - o engaging in misconduct during an exam, test, quiz, or any other assignment
  - o falsifying any records
  - o copying, paraphrasing, reusing, or submitting another person or entity’s work without acknowledging the source, including information from the Internet and/or Artificial Intelligence
  - o receiving or giving of any unauthorized assistance on any form of academic work

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

- Cheating does not level the playing field. Cheating may result in a student receiving the same or a better grade than students who have honestly earned the grade. Such dishonesty could result in the cheater’s grade point average and class rank to be unfairly inflated and thus negatively affecting other students’ class rank.
- Cheating misrepresents to parents, colleges, and teachers a student’s mastery of the subject.
- The time taken to monitor students for cheating causes a reduction in the time a teacher has available for academic instruction.
- Students who are mature enough to select and qualify for a rigorous academic programme should also be mature and committed enough to work for and accept the grades they earn.

Students who have questions regarding whether something constitutes plagiarism and/or malpractice, 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, test or quiz and assignments 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

Instances of plagiarism will be considered cheating and will be met with a zero on the assignment, a disciplinary referral, and a phone call to parents. To oversee the Plagiarism Policy, Largo High School’s Academic Honesty Committee is in place and is comprised of 3 teachers within the IB Programme (the subject teacher and 2 others) as well as the IB Coordinator. Each incidence of plagiarism or other forms of cheating will be taken before this committee for consideration. Further offenses may result in removal from the International Baccalaureate Programme.

I understand the expectations for students who have the privilege of being in membership in the IB Programme and agree to comply with the Honor Code. I understand the definition and consequences of malpractice.

Student’s Name Printed \_\_\_\_\_ Student’s signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Name Printed \_\_\_\_\_ Parent’s signature \_\_\_\_\_

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