



# Academic Honesty Policy

## GHS IB Programme



The International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) stresses the importance of academic honesty. Academic honesty means that one's own work is authentic and not a reproduction of other people's work or ideas. Both Garland High School and the IB define plagiarism, collusion and duplication in the following way:

**\*Plagiarism:** the representation of the ideas or work of another person as the candidate's own.

**\*Collusion:** supporting malpractice by another candidate, as in allowing one's work to be copied or submitted for assessment by another student.

**\*Duplication of Work:** the presentation of the same work for different assessment components and/or diploma requirements

### Malpractice

According to IBO, a student is guilty of malpractice if he or she plagiarizes, works too closely together with another student (collusion), or duplicates work. Malpractice is also present in other situations. For example, if a student falsifies a CAS record or brings unauthorized material into an exam or other assessment it is considered academic dishonesty.

### Consequences of Academic Malpractice

If malpractice is suspected, or the teacher has reason to believe that academic dishonesty has occurred, the following steps will be taken:

1. The teacher will communicate the outcome of his/her investigation to the IB coordinator.
2. The student will receive no credit for the assignment in question and disciplinary consequence will be enacted by the IB coordinator.
3. Consequences for academic malpractice range from the student earning a zero on the work involved to immediate dismissal from the IB Program, depending on the severity of the infraction.
4. The IB coordinator will communicate, in writing, disciplinary consequences to the student and his/her parents. This letter will be placed in the student's file in the coordinator's office but will not become a part of the student's permanent academic record.

**Note: If a student enters the IB Diploma Program with a record of malpractice from Pre-IB courses, that record constitutes the student's first incident of academic malpractice.**

5. If a student is allowed to remain in the IB Diploma Program following a first incident of academic malpractice, **a second incident of any type, on any assignment, at any time during the student's enrollment in the two-year Diploma Program, will result in the student's dismissal from Garland's IB Program.**

\*Examples of academic dishonesty are presented at the beginning of each school year within IB classrooms.