

# DECLARATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH IB REGULATIONS ON MALPRACTICE

All students taking the IB Diploma are subject to the **Diploma Programme General Regulations**, which states in Article 3.3:

Candidates are required to act in a responsible and ethical manner throughout their participation in the DP, as determined by the IB at its sole discretion, which includes not engaging in academic misconduct and must be in good standing at the school at the time of the examinations.

The definition of academic misconduct appears in Article 20:

The IBO defines academic misconduct as behaviour (whether deliberate or inadvertent) that results in, or may result in, the candidate or any other candidate gaining an unfair advantage in one or more assessment components. Behaviour that may disadvantage another candidate is also regarded as academic misconduct. Academic misconduct includes, but is not restricted to:

- (a) **plagiarism**: the representation of the ideas or work of another person as the candidate's own
- (b) **collusion**: supporting malpractice by another candidate, as in allowing one's work to be copied or submitted for assessment by another
- (c) **duplication of work**: the presentation of the same work for different assessment components and/or DP core requirements
- (d) **misconduct during an IB examination**
- (e) **unethical behavior**: the inclusion of inappropriate material in any assessment materials or the breach of ethical guidelines when conducting research

The consequence of academic misconduct is presented in Article 21.7 and Article 21.8:

If the Final Award sub-committee decides that academic misconduct has been established, a penalty will be applied in the subject(s) concerned. If no grade is issued for a subject, no Diploma will be awarded to the candidate.

Plagiarism is recognized worldwide as a serious academic offense. Ignorance of the working definition of plagiarism is not a valid excuse for lapses and does not prevent a penalty from being applied to work submitted as original. In order to prevent any misunderstandings about what constitutes plagiarism, information is being provided to you that not only defines plagiarism, but also outlines strategies to prevent it.

Please read the following statements and, if you agree, write your name, sign and date in the spaces provided.

**I certify that ALL of the following are true:**

1. I have read and fully understand the definition and consequences of academic misconduct as presented in this document.
2. I fully understand the definition of plagiarism and fabrication and recognize specifically that it includes copying of assignments, paraphrasing, reusing other students' work and related acts.
3. If I am unsure about whether something constitutes plagiarism I will consult my teacher **before** I turn in the assignment.
4. I have given correct information on this form. <sup>1</sup>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> Adapted from the *Plagiarism Certification* of The University of Kentucky Department of Chemistry  
<http://www.chem.uky.edu/courses/common/plagcert.html>