

# Academic Honesty Policy

Silver Spring International Middle School



As an International Baccalaureate World School, all students are expected to be principled in all aspects of their lives. To be principled, according to the IB Learner Profile is to, “act with integrity and honesty with a strong sense of fairness, justice and respect for the dignity of the individual, groups and communities. They take responsibility for their own actions and the consequences that accompany them. “

Cheating, facilitating cheating, or plagiarism is not consistent with principled behavior and will not be tolerated. It is important for IB students to understand that academic dishonesty is a serious offense. The following behaviors are inappropriate and will result in school disciplinary action ranging from no credit on an assignment to suspension. Incidents of academic dishonesty are reported to administrators and counselors and remain in a student’s academic file until graduation. It is expected that students will adhere to all policies in the *The Student’s Guide to Rights and Responsibilities in MCPS*.

## **The academically honest student:**

- Completes their own work.
- Acknowledges help from parents, other students, and friends.
- Acknowledges the source of direct quotations and paraphrased ideas.
- Acknowledges information taken from sources, i.e., books, interviews, and multimedia. As a school we support students’ ability to properly cite references by using the Noodletools citation online platform.
- Knows what constitutes cheating and abides by the rules.
- Does not allow others to copy his/her work.
- Follows all exam rules.

All members of the community need to be aware that the school treats academic dishonesty as a very serious matter. Our expectation is that students will not misrepresent their own work.

## **The academically dishonest student’s actions includes, but is not limited to:**

- Cheating
- Plagiarism
- Copying assignments
- Allowing others to copy work
- Lying
- Passing and/or sharing answers and content of exams

We believe that promoting academic honesty is the responsibility of the entire school community. Students, parents/guardians, staff and administrators shall be responsible for creating and maintaining a positive school climate that encourages honesty. Students found to have committed an act of academic dishonesty shall be subject to district and school-site discipline rules, as well as collaborate with teachers and administration to restore trust. We ask that all members of the Silver Spring International Middle School family read the information above and sign the Academic Honesty Pledge.

# Academic Honesty Pledge

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Academic Honesty and Integrity promote a system of values that brings out the best in a group of individuals, provides for an orderly, effective, and positive academic community, and supports the idea of learning promoted in the IB learner profile and mission statement.

Academic Dishonesty leads to a loss of credibility and trust within the community and the learning process.

I acknowledge that I have read and discussed the purpose of the Academic Honor Code.

I have been made aware of the policies set out within the document.

I understand that the Academic Honor Code is the expected standard for all academic work.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (student name), pledge to follow the Silver Spring International Middle School Academic Honesty Policy.

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

I have discussed the Academic Honor Code with my child.

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_