



Deal Middle School

IB Middle Years Academic Honesty Policy



Purpose

The purpose of the academic honesty policy is to inform students, parents/guardians, and staff of their roles and responsibilities.

Philosophy

Academic honesty is a set of values that promote personal integrity and good practice in teaching, learning and assessment. At Alice Deal Middle School we are committed to guiding students in becoming principled individuals with a high degree of academic honesty. The school community must work collaboratively to create a school culture that develops the skills necessary to guide students in becoming knowledgeable inquirers capable of communicating effectively with integrity.

Academic Dishonesty in the MYP includes:

Cheating. This is defined as obtaining or attempting to obtain, or aiding another to obtain credit for work, or any improvement in evaluation of performance, by any dishonest or deceptive means.

Plagiarism. This is defined as the use of the ideas or work of another person, such as copying language from a book or electronic without source citation.

Collusion. This is defined as helping another person cheat, such as allowing another student to copy your work.

General Guidelines for Academic Integrity of Student Work

Academically Honest Students:

Do

- His/her own work
- Acknowledge help from parents, other students, and friends
- Acknowledge the source of direct quotations
- Acknowledge information taken from books, databases, the Internet, and the use of someone else's intellectual property
- Acknowledge reference materials in a bibliography or the use of citations
- Know what constitutes cheating and abides by the rules



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Do Not (Unless allowed by the teacher)

- Use notes during a task
- Copy another student's responses during a task
- Allow other students to copy their responses during a task
- Communicate with other students during a task
- Copy homework from another student
- Submit someone else's work product as their own
- Allow another student to turn in your work as their own
- Submit research assignments without proper citation or a bibliography

The Alice Deal Middle School faculty agrees to instruct students in:

- The development of Approaches to Learning communication and research skills
- The meaning of intellectual property, cheating, plagiarism, and collusion
- Paraphrasing and adaptation of source material
- The relevant use of direct quotations and citations
- Ways to acknowledge sources informally, in writing and speech
- The preparation of bibliographies, and citation of resources

Consequences

- The first incident of academic dishonesty will result in parents receiving written notification and the student redoing the assignment. A copy of the written notification will be given to the grade level assistant principal.
- In the event of additional instances of academic dishonesty, the assignment will not be graded. In addition, parents will be asked to attend a meeting with the student's team teachers and the grade level assistant principal. The team will determine if there was a clear attempt to deceive on the part of the student. Based on the determination, sanctions may be employed, ranging from having the student redo the assignment to the assignment receiving a grade of zero.