



# International School **Twente**

## IST Primary Academic Honesty Policy

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## Rationale

Academic honesty is an essential part of learning in the IB Programmes where action is based on inquiry and reflection. It creates a common ground on which to work in an academic setting. Through the discipline involved and the resulting pride in a student's own work, Academic Honesty helps to build character. It protects student's own work and makes that work more relevant. Finally, it is important for our students' further learning and professional lives.

## Intent of our Academic Integrity Policy

The intent of this policy is to give clarity and direction to all stakeholders about IST's definition of Academic honesty, and how this is communicated, monitored, and embedded in the learning culture of IST Primary

## International School Twente Mission statement

Our mission is to provide excellent international education to students from diverse backgrounds

## IB mission statement

The IB develops inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through education that builds intercultural understanding and respect.

## Vision

- We offer our students essential stepping stones to learn to become a successful and happy global citizen.
- We aim to develop inquisitive minds that have a love for learning and therefore excel in personal and academic growth.
- We cultivate a school community to provide our students with an inclusive and caring environment within which they can build strong friendships that will last throughout their international lifetime.

## Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is "a choice to act in a responsible way whereby others can have trust in us as individuals. It is the foundation for ethical decision-making and behaviour in the production of legitimate, authentic and honest scholarly work" (International Baccalaureate, 2019, p.3). Choosing to engage in learning with academic integrity means students value learning and are working in accordance with the learner profile. They are conducting themselves as thinking, principled and reflective learners. As such, academic integrity is not 'only' a part of a school's policies, or a set of rules or quality cards, it should be a part of a school's culture. We are all responsible for doing our part, and for supporting each other in the practice of academic integrity.

## Professional Responsibility and Prevention

Staff support academic integrity by encouraging honesty, providing guidelines for using information and resources appropriately, and take action when academic dishonesty is discovered. Teachers use their professional judgement to establish the authenticity of a student's work, based on observations, studies of previous work and notes, and discussions with the student. Where necessary, the teacher will contact the programme coordinator and/or school principal for clarification. Breaches of academic integrity are treated as learning moments, affording students the opportunity to improve research, thinking and

communication skills, rather than disciplinary actions. A regular pattern of repeated breaches is communicated to the student's parents for follow up.

## Parental Support

Parents and guardians must be aware of the need for academic integrity, particularly the school's policy. They can support this policy by encouraging students to plan ahead for assignments, and supporting them in producing their original work. Students and parents are encouraged to ask the teacher for advice if they are having difficulty with academic work.

## Students

Can demonstrate academic integrity by:

- Contributing equally while working in groups with others.
- Sharing credit for work developed in collaboration with others.
- Giving credit for work which is not theirs, eg by including references and citations (where appropriate).
- Thinking critically about sources of information.
- Making principled decisions about using sources and information that is not their own.

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