

Academic Integrity Policy

Philosophy and Principles

Safari International School is committed to fostering a culture of academic integrity in alignment with the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme (PYP) guidelines. We believe that honesty, fairness, and responsibility are fundamental to the learning process and the development of principled individuals. Our academic integrity policy is designed to guide students, teachers, and the entire school community in maintaining high standards of ethical behavior in all academic endeavors.

Definitions of Academic Misconduct

Academic misconduct includes, but is not limited to, the following actions:

- Plagiarism: Presenting another person's work or ideas as one's own without proper acknowledgment.
- Collusion: Allowing one's work to be copied or submitted by another student.
- Duplication of Work: Submitting the same work for different assignments without prior permission.
- Cheating: Using unauthorized materials or receiving unauthorized assistance during an assessment.
- Fabrication: Falsifying data, information, or citations in any academic work.

Expectations for Students

Students are expected to:

- Understand and uphold the principles of academic integrity.
- Complete all assignments, projects, and assessments honestly and independently, unless collaboration is explicitly allowed.
- Properly cite all sources of information, including books, articles, websites, and other media.
- Seek clarification from teachers when unsure about what constitutes academic misconduct.

Expectations for Teachers

Teachers are expected to:

- Educate students about academic integrity and the importance of ethical behavior in their academic work.

- Provide clear guidelines and expectations for assignments and assessments.
- Model academic integrity in their own work and interactions with students.
- Use appropriate tools and strategies to detect and prevent academic misconduct.
- Address instances of academic misconduct promptly and fairly, following the school's procedures.

Expectations for Parents

Parents are expected to:

- Reinforce the importance of academic integrity at home.
- Encourage their children to complete their work honestly and independently.
- Support the school's academic integrity policy and collaborate with teachers to address any issues of misconduct.

Procedures for Addressing Academic Misconduct

When academic misconduct is suspected or detected, the following procedures will be followed:

1. Investigation: The teacher will gather evidence and discuss the incident with the student involved.
2. Documentation: The incident will be documented, including the nature of the misconduct and any supporting evidence.
3. Meeting: A meeting will be held with the student, and if necessary, their parents, to discuss the incident and its implications.
4. Consequences: Appropriate consequences will be determined based on the severity of the misconduct. These may include:
 - Reprimand and a warning.
 - Redoing the assignment or assessment.
 - Reduced grades or zero for the affected work.
 - Additional educational activities on academic integrity.
5. Follow-up: The teacher will monitor the student's future work to ensure compliance with academic integrity standards.

Promoting Academic Integrity

To promote a culture of academic integrity, Safari International School will:

- Provide regular professional development for teachers on academic integrity policies and detection strategies.
- Incorporate lessons on academic integrity into the curriculum for all grade levels.

- Utilize tools and technologies to support the detection and prevention of plagiarism and other forms of misconduct.
- Celebrate and recognize students who demonstrate exemplary academic integrity.

Conclusion

Safari International School is dedicated to nurturing principled, responsible, and ethical learners. By adhering to this academic integrity policy, we aim to uphold the highest standards of academic honesty and integrity, preparing our students to be successful and ethical global citizens.