Dear IB Student:

Academic honesty, integrity, and ethics are required of all members of the Port St. Lucie High School International Baccalaureate program. Academic integrity and acting honorably are essential parts of academia that continue well beyond courses at Port St. Lucie High School. They are the foundation for ethical behavior in college; as a college preparatory course ‘Academic Honor’ must be taken very seriously. Participating in the IB program is a privilege, and students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner reflecting the ideals, values, and educational aims of the IBO.

Academic integrity requires that work for which students receive credit be entirely the result of their own effort. Acting honorably in an academic setting requires more than simple honesty. Academic dishonesty takes place whenever students undermine the academic integrity of the institution or attempt to gain an unfair advantage over others. The following lists include some examples of honor code violations; they are not intended to be inclusive or exhaustive.

1. Cheating

- Copying another student’s homework, written assignments, examination answers, electronic media, or other data.
- Using unauthorized materials such as books, notes, or crib sheets to answer examination questions.
- Taking advantage of information considered unauthorized by one’s teacher regarding examination questions.
- Assisting or allowing someone else to cheat.

2. Plagiarism

- Representing the ideas, expressions, or materials of another without due credit.
- Paraphrasing or condensing ideas from another person’s work without proper citation.
- Failing to document direct quotations and paraphrases with proper citation.

3. Other forms of academic dishonesty

- Fraud, deception, and the alteration of grades or official records.
- Changing examination solutions after the fact, inventing, changing or falsifying laboratory data or research.
- Purchasing and submitting written assignments, homework, or examinations.
- Reproducing or duplicating images, designs, or Web pages without giving credit to the developer, artist, or designer.
• Submitting work created for another course without instructor approval.
• Misrepresenting oneself or one’s circumstance to gain an unfair advantage.

Possible consequences for violations:

1. Referral for cheating resulting in a zero for the assignment and possibly the nine week’s or exam depending on the teacher’s recommendation.

2. Referral for major misconduct resulting in the above and out of school suspensions.

3. Referral for cheating and/or major misconduct and expulsion from the program if the work was part of the IB internal or external assessment

4. Rescinding certificate or diplomas earned through IBO if infraction is discovered after certificates and diplomas have been awarded.

In cases involving violation of the honor code, determination of the grade and the student’s status in the course will be left solely to the discretion of the instructor. The instructor will report the incident to the IB team to establish, investigate, or determine potential patterns of dishonesty; and continued participation in the program

Academic dishonesty usually occurs when a student feels overwhelmed by the amount or depth of the material; before engaging in any activity that can seriously harm your academic future, please:
• Seek assistance from the teacher
• Form study groups (with teacher approval)
• Seek assistance from the IB support team: Dr. Pryor; Ms. Nollinger; Mrs. Taylor, Dr. Farwell, Mrs. Webster (please also confer with this team if you are in any doubt about any aspect of academic integrity)
• Participate in a parent conference

STATEMENT:

I understand the seriousness of any action that could potentially harm my standing as a student in “good academic standing”; and that there may be many other infractions not listed in these examples. I know to check with the IB team if I’m in any doubt as to the integrity of my actions and I understand the consequences for undermining the academic integrity of the program.

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Student’s Name                                      Signature                                      Date