

As an International Baccalaureate World School, Shore Regional High School has incorporated into its own academic policies the principles of honesty and integrity espoused by the international organization. All students at Shore Regional High School are expected to adhere to the policies related to academic honesty, as described in “Academic honesty in the Diploma Programme,” the brochure created by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) and in IBO’s official “Academic Honesty Policy.” Moreover, the school’s educators will teach about academic honesty and will model appropriate behavior to the students. Anyone who has questions or concerns about copyright infringement, plagiarism, and proper citation of sources should consult trained personnel at the school concerning such matters. As important members of the school’s community, parents also have a role in supporting and modeling academic honesty by becoming well informed about the school’s policy on academic honesty and by insisting that their children adhere to it.

According to the IBO, academic honesty “must be seen as a set of values and skills that promote personal integrity and good practice in teaching, learning and assessment. It is influenced and shaped by a variety of factors including peer pressure, culture, parental expectations, role modeling and taught skills. Although it is probably easier to explain to candidates what constitutes academic dishonesty, with direct reference to plagiarism, collusion and cheating in examinations, whenever possible the topic must be treated in a positive way, stressing the benefits of properly conducted academic research and a respect for the integrity of all forms of assessment for the Diploma Programme” (“Academic Honesty Policy,” IBO). To that end, teachers and staff members at Shore Regional High School will educate the students on what comprises original, authentic work and what constitutes academic dishonesty or academic malpractice. Each student enrolled in the IB Diploma Programme at Shore Regional High School will receive a digital copy (PDF) of IBO’s “Academic Honesty Policy” and of the brochure, “Academic honesty in the Diploma Programme,” for their reference and use throughout their tenure in the program. Additionally, these publications are available for download from the school’s website on the “International Baccalaureate” page under the “Academics” tab (<http://www.shoreregional.org/domain/23>). Using the official publication from IBO as the basis for their lessons, the teachers will discuss with the students how to avoid plagiarism and other forms of academic malpractice as the students complete the various IB-mandated assessments. These discussions will also be presented to students in grades nine and ten so that all understand the importance of academic integrity.

Any student found to be in violation of the academic honesty policy set forth by IBO and Shore Regional High School will meet with a committee comprised of the IB Diploma Programme Coordinator, one or more IB teachers, and the Director of Curriculum and Instruction. The committee will review with the student the importance of academic honesty and the tenets fundamental to the program’s policy. The student will be placed on “academic warning” while the offense is investigated in accordance with the procedure established by IBO and delineated in its official policy. Should the student be found guilty of academic dishonesty or

academic malpractice, his or her involvement in the IB Diploma Programme will be immediately terminated and appropriate notification will be made to all parties involved.