



Academic Honesty Policy

The IB mission statement is "to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect."

Our Mission Statement:

TPAS is committed to developing compassionate life-long learners and future leaders who strive to create a harmonious world through intercultural understanding.

Our Vision Statement:

To inspire a passion for life-long learning to foster versatility of knowledge, mindfulness, and a global citizenship.

As a learning community at The Peace Attitude Schools, we practice and promote integrity and honesty. We believe in protecting the rights of every individual. We take responsibility for our actions and the consequences.

We strongly believe in authentic learning experiences that foster personal growth rather than solely depending on a numerical measure of achievement.

We understand that intellectual property has different values in different cultures therefore, we define:

Academic honesty as...

- Producing authentic work
- Act with dignity
- Be true to yourself and others by acknowledging and appreciating others work
- Seeking permission before using someone else's work and giving due credits where needed

Our learning community has a shared responsibility in supporting the development and demonstration of academic honesty. Our learning community includes administration, teachers, students, and parents.

Our school will:

- Develop guidelines for academic honesty and share them with the learning community.
- Communicate these guidelines with the students in all classes.
- Practice and promote academic honesty through modeling.
- Teach students the proper way of citation in higher grades.

Students will:

- Produce work that is reflective of their knowledge and skills.
- Develop an understanding of what academic honesty is and practice it consistently.
- Acknowledge the sources by using general citation guidelines

Parents and guardians will support their children by:

- Understand and respect the TPAS Academic Honesty Policy.
- Ensuring each child completes his/her original work
- Seeking clarification from the teachers and Media Resource Specialist, if needed

Consequences:

Academic dishonesty can affect a school's reputation, and therefore, TPAS treats this policy with a lot of care and sensitivity. TPAS also tries to differentiate between an intentional act of cheating as opposed to accidental plagiarism. Therefore, in dealing with such cases, TPAS Advisory Council will handle these cases on an individual basis.

Consequences can range from:

- Being required to complete the assignment again;
- Additional academic work
- Not receiving a grade
- Detention or suspension or, in severe cases, expulsion

A note will be kept in the student's file to monitor repetitive behavior.

By adhering to this Academic Honesty policy, our students will strive to be independent, principled, life-long learners.