

Academic Integrity

Billingsville Cotswold promotes academic integrity through the attributes of the Learner Profile. It is an integral part of the primary years development. Our school community endeavors to practice academic honesty as principled IB learners across the school community. This directive includes conducting research, citing work accurately and truthfully and respecting individuals' work and their contribution to their learning. As an IB learner, we encourage our inquirers to be:

- Knowledgeable - who accumulate a variety of perspectives from credible sources
- Risk-takers - who use knowledge acquired to support their beliefs and findings
- Inquirers - who investigate to ensure information is accurate
- Caring - who demonstrate empathy and mutual respect for others' work
- Open minded - who shows an appreciation for a variety ideas while working in groups
- Balanced - who weigh the consequences of school and personal responsibilities
- Principled - who understands the importance of honesty
- Thinker - who makes positive decisions about their learning

Developing character, integrity and honesty assist in lifelong learning and grow students who understand mutual respect. Systematic instruction in using the internet responsibly, properly citing sources, note-taking procedures, understanding and preventing plagiarism will foster a deeper understanding of academic integrity while learning. Protocols will be aligned with instruction in the above to ascertain infringement of honesty. These include thoroughly reviewing students' research work, providing constructive feedback on written samples and observing if students copy work directly from sources.

Ensuring respect and integrity in daily work activities is also required. Students will receive instruction in what it means to appreciate the abilities, qualities and achievements of others' work with respect. Ensuring that honest and practicing ethical behaviors is a direct result of academic integrity. They will be provided instruction on what constitutes dishonesty. Engaging in proper testing practices will be taught. This includes keeping your eyes on one's own work, using only teacher instructed materials when testing, and refraining from providing assistance or giving assistance to other students.

Consequences for not following this academic integrity policy may include:

- A personal reflection
- Conference with teacher (behavior contract)
- Conference with teacher and parent or guardian (behavior contract)
- Re-submitting the assignment

As a reflective learner, students will be taught to reflect on the systems and processes that are in place to ensure that academic integrity, respect and honesty is maintained.

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