

**Celebration High School  
Pre-Diploma Program  
Academic Integrity Policy and Honor Code**

Through comprehensive and balanced curricula coupled with challenging assessments, the International Baccalaureate program endeavors to develop the individual talents of young people and teach them to relate the experience of the classroom to the realities of the outside world. Beyond intellectual rigor and high academic standards, strong emphasis is placed on the ideals of international understanding and responsible citizenship. The ideal profile of an IB student is that of a critical and compassionate thinker, an informed participant in local and world affairs, who values the shared humanity that binds all people together while respecting the variety of cultures and attitudes that makes for the richness of life. Thus Celebration High School has a responsibility to foster students who maintain an academic integrity. When entering colleges and universities, students carry a reputation that extends beyond Celebration High School to the International Baccalaureate Program; a program that has been prominent in education since 1968, representing 139 countries and 3,014 schools and servicing over 842,000 students. Therefore, Celebration High School Pre-Diploma Program students will be held to the following Academic Integrity Policy.

Students in Celebration High School's Pre-Diploma Program are expected to demonstrate high standards of academic integrity and exemplary conduct. The International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) places strong emphasis on responsible citizenship and ethical behavior. Therefore, the Pre-Diploma faculty and staff, as well as the administration of Celebration High School, expect a commitment from Pre-Diploma students to maintain academic honesty and exemplary behavior.

**Academic Integrity**

- ◆ Student records will be evaluated at the end of each semester to determine the student's academic progress and their adherence to the program standards.
- ◆ Pre-Diploma students will be placed on Academic Probation if their cumulative unweighted GPA falls below a 2.75 or their semester grade falls below a "C" in any class.
- ◆ If a student is on Academic Probation for more than two semesters, admission into the IB Program beginning their 11<sup>th</sup> grade year may be compromised and the student may be removed from the program at the discretion of the IB Coordinator and/or Administration.
- ◆ In order to be removed from Academic Probation a student must raise all course grades to a C average as reported on the student's quarterly report card.
- ◆ Students may retake some courses on-line for Grade Forgiveness. Grade Forgiveness can only occur if a D or F has been earned; C or better can not be replaced. If a student chooses to retake a course and a passing score is earned raising their average to a C or above then his/her name will be removed from the Academic Probation list. Note: Not all courses are eligible for Grade Forgiveness as comparable classes may not be available.
- ◆ Failure to retake a course for Grade Forgiveness may prohibit the student's advancement in the program.
- ◆ If a student has violated the Celebration High School Honor Code two times they will be dismissed from the Pre-Diploma program upon eligibility of the third offense.\*  
(See Definition of Malpractice below)

\* Students who exit or are dismissed from Celebration High School's Pre-Diploma Program must meet the state of Florida's Graduation Requirements of 24 specific credits.

## Malpractice

Every student has the right to pursue an education free from the problems caused by any form of intellectual dishonesty. Therefore it is Celebration High School's responsibility to communicate clearly to the student the expectations of membership in the Pre-Diploma Program.

The International Baccalaureate Organization defines *malpractice* as "behaviour that results in, or may result in, the candidate or any other candidate gaining an unfair advantage..." and includes:

- Plagiarism – the representation of the ideas or work of another person as the candidate's own
- Collusion – the supporting of malpractice by another candidate, as allowing one's work to be copied or submitted for another
- Duplication of work – the presentation of the same work for different assignments
- Other – includes
  - taking unauthorized materials into an exam, test, quiz or other assessment situation
  - engaging in misconduct during an exam, test, quiz or any other assignment
  - falsifying any records
  - copying, paraphrasing, reusing or submitting another's work without acknowledging the source, including information from the Internet
  - receiving or giving of any unauthorized assistance on any form of academic work
  - any questionable or disputed incidents will be reviewed accordingly

The Pre-Diploma Program faculty is opposed to malpractice and cheating for several reasons.

- Cheating does not level the playing field. Cheating may result in a student receiving the same or a better grade than students who have honestly earned the grade. Such dishonesty could result in the cheater's grade point average and class rank to be unfairly inflated and thus negatively affecting other students' class rank.
- Cheating misrepresents to parents, colleges and teachers a student's mastery of the subject.
- The time taken to monitor students for cheating causes a reduction in the time a teacher has to use for academic instruction.
- Students who are mature enough to select and qualify for a rigorous academic program should also be mature and committed enough to work for and accept the grades they earn.

*Students who have questions regarding whether or not something constitutes plagiarism have a responsibility to consult with the teacher prior to submitting the work/assignment.*

## Honor Code

I understand that while a student in Celebration High School's Pre-Diploma Program, ethical conduct is expected from me at all times. I will refrain from all forms of academic dishonesty and/or deceitful means of obtaining grades. I will refrain from conduct during any school-related activity, on campus or off campus, which will reflect negatively on CHS's Pre-Diploma Program.

I realize that, as a member of CHS's Pre-Diploma Program, I have a responsibility to come forth and report any form of violation of the Honor Code. Breaches of this Honor Code may result in my removal from CHS's Pre-Diploma Program.

By signing this document, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Academic Integrity and Honor Code policies and recognize my responsibility in adhering to these policies.

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**Student Signature**

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**Parent Signature**