



NORTH DADE MIDDLE SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME

ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY

North Dade Middle School promotes personal integrity in every aspect of life to include the learning process. The goal of North Dade Middle School's Academic honesty Policy is to ensure that teachers, students, and parents understand and practice values and skills that result in an academically honest environment.

Students at North Dade Middle School International Baccalaureate Middle Year Program are expected to strive to develop the attributes of The IB Learner Profile that are embedded throughout the curriculum and in the school's daily life. With this said, the IB Learner Profile is the cornerstone to the School's Academic Honesty Policy. Students are encouraged to be:

- ✓ **Principled** – individuals whose actions demonstrate integrity and honesty and take responsibility for their own actions
- ✓ **Inquirers** – individuals acquiring the necessary skill set to conduct inquiry and research
- ✓ **Knowledgeable** – individuals capable of exploring concept, ideas, and issues.
- ✓ **Open-minded** – individuals who are accustomed to seeking, embracing and evaluating various perspectives.
- ✓ **Risk Takers** – individuals who are brave and articulate in defending their beliefs.

When applied to learning and student work, these qualities will establish skills and behavior that are key elements in supporting good practices while promoting teaching and learning.

As part of the approaches to learning, students learn the value of thoughtful investigation, of giving others credit for their work, and of synthesizing information so that it becomes part of the students' body of knowledge, rather than an empty exercise in copying others' creations. Students also learn to recognize when collaboration is appropriate and when it is not appropriate.



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Academic dishonesty has consequences that are dictated by the Miami-Dade County Public Schools code of Student Conduct. According to the Code, cheating and other forms of misrepresentation are considered level II behaviors, "...they significantly interfere with the learning and/or the well-being of others." Level II behaviors trigger one or more of the following consequences:

- Parents are contacted
- Work is graded an "F" even if the academic dishonesty occurs while producing a draft
- Teachers may allow students to write another paper to make up for the plagiarized paper will be averaged with the "F" grade
- The student will write a one page, single spaced, 12 font essay on the importance of being a principled learner
- The academic dishonesty incident may be documented in the student's record through a Student case management Referral Form
- A second offense may result in suspension from school as prescribed in the Miami-Dade County Schools Code of Student Conduct.

The consequences are designed to promote understanding of academic honesty and to prevent repeated offenses of the policy.