Are you completing your IB assignments honestly?

The IB expects Diploma Programme candidates to exercise academic honesty in all of their work, which includes acknowledging any sources used within an assignment.

The IB *General Regulations: Diploma Programme* defines malpractice as behaviour that results in, or may result in, the candidate or any other candidate gaining an unfair advantage in one or more assessment components.

EXAMPLES OF MALPRACTICE

- **Plagiarism -** the representation of the ideas or work of another person as your own.
- **Collusion -** supporting malpractice by another candidate, as in allowing your work to be copied or submitted for assessment by another candidate.
- **Duplication of work -** the presentation of the same work for different assessment components and/or IB diploma requirements.
- **Misconduct during an examination**, including the possession of unauthorized material.
- **Disclosing information** to another candidate, or **receiving information** from another candidate, about the content of an examination paper within 24 hours after the examination.

ASK FOR ADVICE

As a Diploma Programme candidate you are responsible for ensuring that all of the work you submit is authentic and that any sources used are appropriately acknowledged. If you have any doubts please ask for advice.

HOW TO AVOID PLAGIARISM

- **Credit all the sources you use, even if you have paraphrased or summarized.**
- **Clearly distinguish between your work and the source being used (using quotation marks, indentation or a similar method).**
- **Use a style of referencing that is appropriate for the subject.**

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- **IB students are principled and act with integrity and honesty.**
- **IB students should be content creators not content imitators.**
- **If you engage in any form of malpractice you may not be eligible for a grade in the subject concerned.**
- **Do it right, remember to cite! Credit where credit is due!**

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