



International Baccalaureate (IB) Honor Code

The IB Program offers a quality education that not only insures knowledge, but cultivates the virtues of honor, courtesy, and perseverance. Of these virtues, honor is of great importance, for it is personal integrity that will influence and finally determine many of our actions and beliefs. This Honor Code exists in order to uphold and reinforce values that are central to the IB tradition of excellence and to prevent violations of that tradition such as cheating or plagiarism. Students should consider this Honor Code to be enforced in all IB classes and all activities associated with King’s Fork High School.

IB defines malpractice in the following way:

Malpractice: behavior that results in, or may result in, the candidate or any other candidate gaining an unfair advantage in any assessment component.

It may include:

1. **Collusion:** when a candidate knowingly allows his or her work to be submitted for assessment by another candidate.
2. **Plagiarism:** the submission for assessment of the unacknowledged work, thoughts or ideas of another person as the candidate's own.
3. **Duplication of Work:** the presentation of the same work for different assessment component and/or diploma requirements.
4. Any other behavior which gains an unfair advantage for a candidate or which affects the results of another candidate.

The King’s Fork IB Honor Code, simply stated, is:

Students shall be honor bound to refrain from cheating of every kind, including plagiarism. Students shall be honor bound to take actions to stop any and all violations of this Honor Code which they see. Inaction implies that one condones inappropriate behavior. Living in a manner that is consistent with this code will produce an atmosphere of trust, freedom, and integrity necessary to the success of each student in this program. Without maintaining a high standard of honesty and conduct, the reputation of the school and of IB are compromised and society is poorly served.

Honor Pledge

I hereby pledge to uphold the Honor Code of the International Baccalaureate Program at King’s Fork High School. I shall refrain from all forms of academic malpractice: cheating; plagiarism; or other deceitful means of obtaining good grades.

If I have knowledge that a student has violated the honor code, I have an obligation to take action to prevent damage to the program and its participants. I understand that breaches of the honor code are punishable according to the Suffolk Public Schools King’s Fork High School handbook for student conduct and may result in my removal from The International Baccalaureate Program and from King’s Fork High School.

Student Name Printed _____ Student Signature _____

Parent Name Printed _____ Parent Signature _____

Date _____