

Oscar Mayer

International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program

Academic Honesty Policy

Oscar Mayer IB MYP students are expected to give their best effort everyday. The words, work and ideas a student shares needs to be his or her own unless properly acknowledged. MYP students are expected to be leaders in all that they do. This includes always holding themselves to the highest academic honesty expectations. In the IB Middle Years Program and at Oscar Mayer Magnet School students strive to develop the attributes of the Learner Profile. Some key attributes related to academic honesty that the school community needs to model and strive to develop in our students include:

- Inquirers - They develop the skills needed to pursue their questions as they conduct inquiry and research.
- Open-minded - They practice seeking and evaluating a range of points of view.
- Principled - They act with integrity and honesty; they take responsibility for their own actions.

Cheating

The willful giving or receiving of an advantage in academic work over other students.

Plagiarism

Presenting the words, work or ideas of someone else as your own without proper acknowledgement.

Consequences

If a student cheats or plagiarizes s/he may receive a zero for the entire assignment and may not qualify for make up of the assignment.

The Chicago Public Schools 2014-2015 Student Code of Conduct states, "Plagiarizing, cheating and/or copying the work of another student or source is considered a seriously disruptive behavior and can result in suspension" (p.26).

Teacher Responsibilities

1. Help students understand what academic honesty is and why it is important.
2. Help students learn definitions of cheating, plagiarism, collusion, and misconduct and how to avoid those practices.
3. Model good practices of academic honesty.
4. Promote ethical research skills.
5. Encourage students to develop their own voice and ideas.

***Student Responsibilities**

1. Ask if you do not understand an assignment and the expectations for completion.
2. Ask if you do not understand any component of this document.
3. Act with honesty and pride when completing your work and expect others to do the same.
4. Review this sheet with your parents. Both you and your parents should sign this policy acknowledging your understanding of the seriousness of cheating and plagiarism and the consequences of such behavior.

Student signature

Parent signature

*1: borrowed and adapted from: IBO News Item May 15-2003; George Mason University Honor Code; Lexington High School Honor Code