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International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme Academic Honesty Policy

Riverside Secondary School is a Candidate School for the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.

This document, including its principles and implementation, is to be used in coordination with the Ontario Ministry of Education document *Growing Success*, and the policies of the International Baccalaureate Organization, Greater Essex County District School Board, and Riverside Secondary School. The Riverside Secondary School International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme Admissions, Language, Inclusion, Academic Honesty and Assessment Policies have been developed to provide clarity to all stakeholders with regard to the implementation and procedures in place within the Riverside Secondary School International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.

Rationale

The purpose of an academic honesty policy is to create a focus on awareness of forms of plagiarism, healthy decision-making, and ethical academic behavior.

Technology, in its many changing forms, provides many benefits to today's student, but it also creates an environment in which academic dishonesty, both intentional and unintentional, can more frequently occur. Students at Riverside Secondary School will learn to conduct research and integrate others' ideas and academic property with their own ideas, preparing them for increasingly complicated academic work throughout their scholastic careers and beyond.

Riverside Secondary School prepares its students for academic research, use of technology and information, and proper citation. When instances of academic dishonesty occur, devaluing the academic process and undermining the learner's ability to develop their own independent academic thought, the school may impose penalties. Acts of academic dishonesty will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and penalties imposed will be fair and just and reflect Ontario Ministry of Education (*Growing Success*), Greater Essex County District School Board, Riverside Secondary School, and International Baccalaureate policies.

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