

Alonso IB Honor Code

Fairness, Trust, Credibility, Respect

IBO's Academic Honesty Policy states that Academic Honesty includes "a set of values and skills that promote personal integrity and good practice in teaching, learning, and assessment. It is influenced and shaped by a variety of factors including peer pressure, culture, parental expectations, role modelling and taught skills. Academic dishonesty involves malpractice defined as "behavior that results in, or may result in, the candidate or any other candidate gaining an unfair advantage in one or more assessment components."

Honor Council Procedures

Initial determination of whether a student has violated the Honor Code will remain in the hands of the classroom teacher. The teacher may choose any number of punitive or compensatory actions if they have determined a student is guilty of academic dishonesty. Possible actions include:

- Teacher may require the student to re-do the assignment or assign one of equal weight
- Teacher may give a score of "0" for the assignment

A teacher, upon determining that the student has violated the Honor Code, should confer with the Honor Council Coordinator no more than two weeks of the violation having been discovered to mutually decide on future action. Ordinarily, all cases in which the teacher has determined that a student has been academically dishonest will be referred to the Honor Council so that appropriate counseling can be offered, and work hours assigned.

The function of the Honor Council is not to determine guilt or innocence. The Council serves as a visible representation of the Alonso IB community's commitment to fairness, trust, credibility, and respect, character, and integrity. The Council is tasked with counseling students who have violated the Honor Code and reminding them of the deleterious personal and communal effects of the actions.

The non-academic consequences imposed for a violation for the violation of the Honor code are:

- First offense: Meet with the Honor Council and 1-5 work hours
- Second offense: Meet with the Honor Council and 6-10 work hours
- Third offense: Meet with the IB Coordinator and 11-15 work hours; placement on academic probation
- Fourth offense: removal from the IB program

The Honor council will determine the time frame for the completion of the work hours. Students who do not complete their work hours in the required time will be referred to the Office of Student Affairs for further consequences.

Additionally, students who violate the Honor Code will be ineligible for exam exemptions the semester in which the violation occurs. Honor Code violations will also be reported to the National Honor Society Advisor for consideration in determining eligibility for acceptance or continued membership in the organization.

The student's anonymity will be protected throughout the Honor Council process. An Honor Council member who has violated his/her confidentiality promise will be dismissed from the Council.

Student membership on the Council shall consist of four sophomores, four junior, and four seniors. They will be selected after having completed an application for candidacy and approved by the IB staff. Candidates must be prepared to complete one hour of training and be generally available for meetings after school (or as requested by the Honor Council Advisor).

Honor Council meetings will consist of two teachers and at least three students. Students brought before the Honor Council may request that the IB Programme Coordinator not ask particular student members of the Honor Council to be present. The Honor Council Advisor may also ask a student member to excuse him/herself from a particular case.

These Honor Code procedures are subject to amendment by the Alonso IB faculty upon approval of the IB Programme Coordinator. Students are encouraged to offer suggestions to their homeroom teachers, the Honor Council Advisor, or the IB Programme Coordinator as to improving the Honor and its procedures.

Teacher: Initial determination of a violation of the Honor Code





Teacher: may require the student to re-do the assignment or assign one of equal weight

may give a score of "0" for the assignment

Report of incident to the Honor Council



Honor Council Advisor and Council members will hold a meeting with the student. The consequences imposed will be determined by the Council members.

Please refer to the International Baccalaureate Academic Integrity handbook for more details on academic integrity in this programme.