

ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY

KINSTON HIGH SCHOOL

The Kinston High School administration, staff, and faculty all have high expectations of our student population. All students are expected to set lofty yet attainable goals in their academic endeavors, demonstrate a persistent work ethic and drive in their academic tasks, and strive to do their individual best on all assignments and assessments. As part of these expectations, Kinston High School has policies in place to govern student conduct in various areas. One such policy addresses academic infractions/cheating. The schoolwide policy, known as the “59 Rule for Academic Integrity,” states:

“Cheating and academic misconduct will NOT be tolerated at KHS. Cheating shall mean either receiving or giving aid on a written lesson or oral work, test, examination, or other work, which is generally considered to be the effort of one student. Any student caught cheating must redo an alternate assignment with the highest possible grade he/she can receive being a 69. This alternate assignment will be determined by the teacher. He/she will also be referred to the appropriate administrator for consequences as outlined in the Kinston High School Discipline Guidelines.”

Students who strive to become IB Diploma and Course candidates at Kinston High School must fulfill a set of requirements prior to enrolling in the fall semester of Grade 11. One of these requirements is the completion of an IB Student and Parent Contract, in which both the student candidate and his/her parents/guardians acknowledge their responsibilities as participants in the IB Diploma Programme. There are several specific commitments that each candidate must make to the programme. One of these commitments pertains to academic honesty. The contract states:

“IB Diploma, Certificate, and Course candidates will maintain the highest degree of academic integrity. All IB students are to be very familiar with the IB publication **Academic Honesty**, which is given to each IB junior enrolled in IB Theory of Knowledge I (at the start of the junior year). This document states that “academic misconduct is a behaviour that results in, or may result in, the student gaining an unfair advantage (or a behavior that disadvantages other students) in one or more assessment components.” Course candidates will receive a copy of this document at the beginning of their junior year (in one of their respective IB courses). Cheating, to include plagiarism, collusion, and copying other student’s homework/assignments, is incompatible with the statements espoused in that document, the IB Learner Profile, and the KHS Diploma & Certificate Programme. Any IB student found guilty of a first violation of academic integrity will be subject to the “69 Rule for Academic Integrity” that is outlined in the **KHS Student Handbook**. A second violation of academic integrity, occurring in any IB class, will result in a conference involving the student, his/her parents or guardians, the IB Diploma Programme coordinator, and the principal to determine that student’s continuation in the IB Diploma & Certificate programme.”

Kinston High School will fully implement the use of Turnitin for the submission of all written assignments beginning in 2014-2015. Students will be given accounts and will have to provide

documentation that the work submitted is their own original product. The IB Diploma Programme coordinator provided for this schoolwide account as part of the school's IB annual budget.