# Program Policies for PSD International Baccalaureate DP

**PSD IB Mission Statement:** ***The International Baccalaureate Program aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. To this end the International Baccalaureate Organization works with schools, governments, and international organizations to develop challenging programs of international education and rigorous assessment. These programs encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.***

**The IB Program follows all PHS policies and PSD Code of Conduct with the following additions:**

- A student receiving one 'F' or two or more grades of 'D' at the end of any first semester will be placed on academic probation requiring specific conditions to be met to continue in the program for second semester. Students receiving such grades at the end of second semester will NOT be permitted to continue in the IB Program. Appeals to this policy will be permitted based on individual circumstances.
- All students are encouraged to learn the importance of meeting deadlines by turning in all assignments on time. If an absence is unexcused, or if a student neglects to turn in homework while in class, daily work will be accepted one day late for 10% of the original credit unless the teacher has provided mercy passes. If an absence is excused, daily work will be accepted one day late for full credit or through teacher provided mercy passes. Major assignments (projects that take an extended period time to complete) may be turned in one day late for 50% of the original grade if the absence was not anticipated.
- For school excused and pre-arranged absences, arrangements must be made with teachers prior to the absence concerning all assignments. Teachers may award a zero for any assignment missed due to a student not discussing the school excused absence or pre-arranged absence prior to leaving.
- In order to develop a positive learning environment and in keeping with the IB philosophy of mutual respect, appropriate classroom behavior is expected in accordance with individual teacher expectations, PHS policies and the PSD Code of Conduct. Disciplinary action will take place if violations occur.
- Students are expected to complete their own work. Plagiarism and cheating will not be tolerated. Please refer to the PHS plagiarism and cheating policy on the back. Please note the following addition to the stated policy: On a 2nd recorded offense, a student may be dropped from the IB Program.
- IB students will follow PHS finals exempt policy for 1st semester; however, all IB students will complete a full-year comprehensive final examination at the end of 2nd semester for each DP class if the class is not subject to an official exit exam.
- In order to accommodate and encourage strong academic preparation, the IB program will attempt to limit required **major** assignments, projects and exams to no more than two on any given day. A calendar of scheduled assignments is available on-line. Students have the responsibility of approaching individual teachers to reschedule if three or more major assignments/exams occur on the same day.

**Students found in violation of IB Policies, PHS Policies, and/or PSD Code of Conduct may be dropped from the IB Program.**

**Print Student Name_____ Class of _____**

**Please sign and return this copy for your student's file. A second copy will be provided for student/parent reference.**

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Student's Signature Parent's Signature

DATE:_____ DATE:_____