



ETHICAL PRACTICE

Additional Information from IBO

Students: Please take note of the following information from IBO (contained in the indented portion below).

The IB is increasingly aware of websites advertising services of “help” to students that include:

- providing guidance and support for extended essay writing and theory of knowledge essays
- Providing guidance and support for the completion of internal assessment components in different subjects

The IB does not endorse any of these sites. Furthermore students who use them may well be violating the code of ethical practice.

In addition to informing students about the need to acknowledge the ideas or work of another person, it is recommended that coordinators warn students against using the growing number of individuals and organizations that claim to offer “help” with IB assessment tasks. None of these is endorsed by the IB; some are virtually indistinguishable from sites on the Internet that offer bespoke assignments, usually for a fee, for students’ use.

Some sources of support may be acting in good faith, but nevertheless are offering a level of support and guidance that is not permitted by the IB. (...)

(Source: Ethical Practice, IBO 2009)

IBO does recognize that students work with external resources and that they consult materials and sources in their studies. These must be appropriately accessed and documented within the standards of research in the academic disciplines.

Remember that in all work for IB, students (and their teachers) assert that what is submitted is the authentic work of the student. If students are using resources such as those captioned above, students may find their work to be unacceptable under ethical practice guidelines, and may fall under malpractice. This could lead to disqualification for the IB Diploma and being exited from our program.