



What is Mark Twain's Academic Honesty Policy?

Academic honesty is making knowledge, understanding and thinking transparent.

How do we teach this?

As an IB school, we believe that **academic honesty** is an essential aspect of teaching and learning - where action is based on inquiry and reflection. As we encourage our students to inquire and think critically and creatively - how do we help students to confidently talk and write about what they are learning, and explain how they have constructed their ideas?

First, through our safe and encouraging learning environment, we develop the idea that learning has value; that exploration of their ideas is worthwhile; and that knowledge is powerful. However, these principles require academically honest behaviors.

Beginning in kindergarten, we teach students to thank their sources – where their information comes from. In the following years, we teach the technical aspects of academic honesty, such as accurately citing and referencing their sources. We continually ask, *"How do you know this?"*

Join us in developing academically honest behaviors and ask, *"How do you know this?"*

Please check out Mark Twain's Academic Honesty Policy on the school's website or link below.

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