

Big Sky High School - World Language

Academic Integrity Policy

The following is based on the Big Sky International Baccalaureate (IBO) Academic Honesty Guidelines. According to the IBO Publication, academic malpractice is 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,” which can include:

- **Collusion**
 - “Supporting the malpractice of another candidate”
- **Duplication of Work**
 - “The presentation of the same work for different assessment components”
- **Plagiarism**
 - “The representation of ideas or work of another person [or software system] as the candidate’s own”

This final point as defined by the IBO has an additional phrase--“or software system”--included to specifically refer to digital translation software, such as *Google Translate* or *ChatGPT*. To learn a second language students need to build a repertoire of vocabulary and rely on their memory and their own brains to form new sentences and ideas. Therefore, the use of any translation software for more than a single word at a time will be viewed as academic malpractice, as defined by IBO.

Much like graphing calculators in math classes, translation software can be an incredibly powerful tool to assist in learning. However, also like using graphing calculators in math class, it is the student’s responsibility to learn the material and rely on the tool to assist them in the learning process, as opposed to having the tool do all of the work for them. Therefore, in all World Language classes at Big Sky High School, students are expected to do their own grammar work, conjugate their own verbs, and craft their own phrases and sentences; translation software should only be used to look up single words and non-conjugated verbs. When applied more broadly, the use of digital translation software, such as *Google Translate* or *ChatGPT*, will be regarded as academic malpractice and will require disciplinary intervention.

A wonderful alternative resource to these translation services is Word Reference (www.wordreference.com) where students may find dictionaries and supportive tools to assist them in verb conjugation.