

Code of Conduct 2026-2027

Vision

Our Vision for the International High School is to be a leading international educator with a community of passionate life-long learners, inspiring, global citizens that embrace diversity and explore the world.

Mission

The International High School, with students aged from 15 to 19, fosters a culture of learning with respect and open mindedness. Based on IB world and Swedish national standards, we tailor our curriculum to provide students with the tools to be life-long learners in a stimulating and nurturing environment. We value authentic learning experiences with a global perspective. We learn together for the future.

Policy for Promoting Safety, Order, and Study Peace/Calmness

Purpose and Legal Mandate

This policy adheres to the legal mandate that all pupils shall be guaranteed a school environment where the education is characterized as peaceful and safe for all involved. The core objective is to achieve an environment where everybody feels safe and that promotes learning and order, allowing staff and students alike to respect each other and our common working environment at the International High School of Gothenburg.

Core Requirements and Implementation of Actions

The International High School has a systematic approach that all members of staff follow to ensure a common effort promoting actions for a positive study environment that is guided by creating a peaceful and calm study environment. The principal is obligated to implement policies that adhere both to the Swedish School Law (Skollagen) as well as the Swedish Work Environment Law (Arbetsmiljölagen).

School Directives

1. **Consistency and Clarity:** All staff members are well informed about the code of conduct and are responsible to consistently remind the students to respect the rules and the code of conduct in school and in the classroom.
2. **Responsibilities:** Staff are authorized to take measures warranted to guarantee students' safety and a good study environment ("studiero"). This includes the authorization to physically intervene to avert violence, harassment, or other disturbances.
3. **Addressing Misconduct:** Assaulting a member of staff (an official) through violence or threat during the exercise of their authority may result in charges for violence or threat against an official. It could lead to an official warning and if more severe assault, suspension or expulsion.

Enforcement, Safety, and Crime Prevention

The school maintains the authority to enforce the law to guarantee the student's right to a safe and concentration-promoting environment.

Enforcement Measures

1. **Routines for Confiscation:** Each school must have written routines about handing back mobiles and electronic devices. (2010:800, 5 kap. 4e §)
2. **Confiscation:** Mobiles or electronic communication devices are allowed to be confiscated in order to prevent disruption. (2010:800, 5 kap. 4b §) The same allowance applies to objects that disturb education, are offensive to students or staff, or pose a danger to safety. The teacher can confiscate the device until the end of the day whereas the principal or the deputy principal has the authority to confiscate the device for up to 96 hours. (2010:800, 5 kap. 22 §)

Security and Crime

1. **Right to Search:** The principal may decide to search students bags and belongings, if warranted, should it limit the risk of disturbances of order, harassment/violations, or crime, or to maintain safety/security. (2010:800, 6a kap. 5 §)
2. **Reporting:** If a crime is suspected to have been committed by a student in connection with school activities, the principal shall report the crime to the Police, unless overriding reasons argue against it. (2010:800, 6a kap. 10 §)
3. **Contingency Plan:** Each school must have a contingency plan detailing actions necessary in case of an emergency (2010:800, 6a Kap. 3 §) and the school area must be defined to restrict access to those who should not gain entry. (2010:800, 6a Kap. 4 §)

Consequences for breaking the code of conduct

Depending on the severity of what has happened, one or several consequences may be decided upon.

- Oral warning
- Detention (one hour before or after school)
- Written warning
- Temporary suspension
- Terminal suspension

Code of Conduct (Regulations for Order)

The Regulations for order (*ordningsregler*), referred to as the Code of conduct, is divided between rules in the hallway, on school grounds in general, in the classroom and in specific areas.

Summary of regulations for order

Treat others as you wish to be treated

- Treat fellow students and staff with respect and decency.
- Leave an area in a better condition than when you came there.
- Be punctual and prepared.

Rules in the corridors and on school premises in general

- Use polite and respectful language when speaking to peers and staff. Avoid profanity, insults, or aggressive language.
- Follow directions and requests communicated by staff.
- Do not sit, stand, or congregate in groups that block the flow of traffic, especially near doorways or stairwells.
- All furniture should be placed back into order after use.
- The person who uses the kitchen area is responsible for tidying up incl. keeping the fridge in order.
- After using a cup or cutlery, one must wash it/them immediately.
- Do not bring nuts (including almonds and sesame seed) to the school.
- Alcohol, tobacco, nicotine are prohibited on school premises.

- All card and board games etc should be kept in order and returned to assigned places.
- Do not write on, or damage school walls, lockers, bulletin boards, or display cases.
- Furniture, books, calculators, computers are all school property and should be treated cautiously. Should the student break or destroy school property, he/she may pay for it.
- Always dispose of all trash, especially food containers and wrappers, in the designated bins immediately after use.
- Notices may only be put up on assigned places like the boards.
- Do not leave personal items, trash, or food waste on desks, chairs, counters, or floors.
- Hand in any high value lost items to either Åsa B or April. For other items there is a lost and found box located in the Student Center.
- Do not put your feet up on the furniture.
- After 16.00 it is not allowed to loiter in the hallway. Only studying is allowed.

Rules for the library

- The library is a place for studying, reading, searching information and quietly doing group assignments.
- Keep the volume of conversations low.
- No food is allowed. Only water if kept in lid-covered containers.
- If using the borrowing machine, please place the returned book in the assigned place.

Rules for the student center

- On a general basis, see above for the school corridors.
- It is open 8.30- 16.
- At all times during the opening hours, the door must be open.

Rules for bamba

- No phones are allowed in junior bamba. In senior bamba it is allowed.
- Remain calm and orderly while in bamba.
- No playing in bamba.
- Only take the food you know you will eat. Avoid wasting food.
- Always place your chair in order and put away your dishes after you finish eating.
- Listen to and obey the bamba staff if they tell you something.

Rules in the classroom

- Be on time.
- The classroom door will be locked at the start of each class, students who are late will wait quietly outside in the corridor until the teacher lets them in. It is not allowed to bang on the door or make loud noises, one should simply wait.
- Turn off your phone and hand it in at the beginning of each class. Earphones should be turned off and placed in your bag.
- During all examinations, your smart devices should be turned off and handed to your teacher or placed in your bags.
- Should you be caught cheating, you will be reported to the principal. If repeated offences or severe cases, suspension may be an effect, *see Academic Integrity Policy*.
- Pay attention and follow instructions and guidelines from teachers and staff.
- Respect one another's right to learn in a calm study environment, both in the classroom and the "quiet" study area.
- Use appropriate language at all times.
- Leave the classroom clean and tidy.
- Place the chair back upon leaving the classroom. After the last lesson of the day, place the chair on top of the table.
- Only water, in a bottle, is allowed to be brought in the classrooms on the 3rd and 4th floor. No food or liquid allowed on the 5th floor.
- **Please note.** Teachers may have additional rules in the classroom that should be abided by the students.

Pre-class checklist:

These are the items each student should bring to the classroom. Also please look in the different Google classrooms before class so you are familiar with the content of the coming class.

- Pen/pencil
- Notebook(s)
- Textbook(s)
- Chromebook/PC
- Ruler
- Eraser
- Calculator
- Formula booklet

Should you come unprepared repeatedly, you may be asked to leave the classroom. It is the responsibility of the student to come prepared for every lesson. Should you violate any of the rules, you may get detention.