We, the students of Atlanta International School (AIS), rededicate ourselves to the Mission of AIS and the values and goals set out therein. By doing this we pledge ourselves to respect who others are, to have a solid sense of who we are, and to strive to develop our beliefs and sense of self through respectful coexistence and interactions with other members of the AIS community.

Through this Statement of Beliefs we will redouble our efforts to create an environment ideally suited to learning, a cohesive community from a variety of backgrounds, and the adoption and acceptance of different perspectives in the pursuit of knowledge.

In creation of this “Statement of Beliefs” we attempt to integrate our shared principles of mutual respect and understanding into the day-to-day life of faculty, staff, students, administrators, parents, and board through the definition of students rights, privileges, and responsibilities.

Student Rights:

- To be emotionally and physically safe in the school community
- To feel empowered in and outside of the classroom
- To expect the fair enforcement of rules including but not limited to discussion concerning punishments
- To be treated with respect by all members of the AIS community
- To have access to a high quality education including all the necessary and appropriate educational materials
- To freely express their own opinion in a respectful manner
- To seek extra help from teachers outside of class
- To discuss with teachers their academic standing at any time during school year
Student Responsibilities:

• To be respectful of all members of the AIS community
  » Peers
  » Teachers
  » Administrators
  » Staff
  » Parents
  » Guests to the school
• To put forth their best effort in everything at school
• To encourage others to adhere to the Statement of Beliefs and to adhere to the Community Principles
• To be prepared for the school day
• To commit to academic honesty including but not limited to never cheating and/or plagiarizing
• To keep the campus clean
• To follow common rules and expectations
• To respect other people’s belongings

Student Privileges:

• To attend AIS
• To participate in extracurricular activities at AIS
• To stay on campus after school in accordance with current school guidelines
• To have access to materials including but not limited to Internet and computer privileges
• To benefit from off-campus privileges (IB students)
• To participate in school trips
• To benefit from free blocks (IB students)

We understand, value and appreciate the fact that AIS is a diverse community. The Student Statement of Beliefs is designed not only to support and bring to life the Mission of the school, but also to allow us, as a student body, to reflect on our actions and to help transform our surroundings and the world, through asking questions such as…

• How will we live and work in relation to each other?
• How can I help others?
• How do I think and how do I act in relation to my community members?

…and, through answering these questions we become aware of the fact that everything is interrelated and that you can improve the effect you have on your environment and those around you. Realizing that we must live with a deep sense of mutual responsibility, with a spirit of solidarity, and the drive to constantly improve, we the students of AIS pledge ourselves to strive to realize a more just, respectful, and caring community.