

Woodinville High School

Educational Honesty Policy

True education cultivates honor, academic honesty, character, and perseverance, along with the growth of knowledge and the development of thinking skills. Personal integrity determines our behaviors and influences every aspect of life. Authentic work is based on the student's individual and original ideas with any ideas and works of others fully acknowledged. All assignments, written or oral, completed by a student for assessment and grading must use the student's own language and expression. Sources used or referenced, whether in the form of direct quotation or paraphrase, must be fully and appropriately acknowledged. Understanding the meaning of academic honesty and applying it daily is of primary importance in the educational program of all students at Woodinville High School.

A code of Educational Honesty, therefore, has been established for all students attending Woodinville High School. Each student is expected to clearly understand and sign this code, committing themselves to these ethical standards.

The following behaviors are dishonest and violate the Woodinville High School Educational Honesty Code:

- **Plagiarism** is the representation of the ideas or work of another person as the student's own. This includes copying from any other person, author, book, report, lab book, web site, or assignment in whole or in part and submitting it as one's own. This can be intentional or the result of sloppy scholarship. A superficial change of wording, structure, or conclusion is not sufficient to turn aside the charge of plagiarism.
- **Collusion** is supporting the lack of honesty by another student, as in allowing one's work to be copied or submitted for assessment by another. Unless you are directed by the teacher to work with another student as a part of the assignment, submitting identical or highly similar passages is considered collusion. Ultimately, each individual's work should be composed of his or her own ideas and own expression of those ideas.
- **Duplication of work** is the presentation by two or more students of the same assignment, paper, project, or any other work for assessment. (Using a project to fulfill multiple assignments)
- **Technology Malpractice** is any misuse or abuse of technology including infractions of the school technology user agreement, language translation sites, cell phone messaging or picture transmission.

Other examples of cheating might include, but are not limited to the following:

- Using cheat sheets, looking at someone's paper during an exam, using Cliff/Sparks Notes, using a graphing calculator, or online sources. (Unless otherwise specified by the teacher.)
- Giving out questions that are on the test to other students.
- Giving answers to other students during a test or allowing them to copy your work.
- Exchanging old tests, reports, notebooks, or assignments.
- Using electronic devices (e.g., cellular telephones, iPods, CDs, graphing calculators, PDAs, etc.) that can record/transmit answers to or pictures of tests and assignments to self or others...commonly referred to as podcasting.

Consequences of violation of the Honesty Code will result in the loss of credit on the assignment and/or loss of credit for the entire course.

I have read the above information and, by my signature, agree to abide by those guidelines for the duration of my time at Woodinville High School.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____