



Bayonne Public Schools

Honor Code

Why Academic Integrity Matters

Bayonne Public Schools is a learning community dedicated to nurturing inquisitive and knowledgeable thinkers, principled and open-minded communicators, and compassionate, reflective citizens who strive to grow, share, and apply knowledge together.

Trust serves as the foundation of this community. Students must feel confident that their efforts are respected by teachers who uphold academic integrity, just as teachers and peers must be able to rely on the authenticity of student work. When an individual uses someone else's work—whether created by a peer, a professional, or generated by Artificial Intelligence—without proper credit or permission, it diminishes the learning process and damages that trust. Taking responsibility for your academic work is just as important as taking responsibility for your personal belongings.

What is Academic Integrity?

Academic integrity is an ethical choice that students must make. It is a commitment to honesty, trust, fairness, respect, responsibility, and courage. It means:

- **Doing your own work:** Completing assignments, tests, and projects on your own, without copying from others or using generative AI tools without permission.
- **Giving credit where credit is due:** Properly citing information from other sources, including content created by generative AI.
- **Not lying or cheating:** Avoiding dishonest behaviors such as looking at someone else's test, making up data, or misusing technology.

A Collective Commitment

At Bayonne Public Schools, we share a collective responsibility to uphold these principles. Each student, teacher, and staff member contributes to building a strong culture of academic integrity through the decisions they make every day. As you navigate the honor code, keep in mind that teachers and staff are here to support you. Asking for help shows courage and commitment to learning, not weakness, and we encourage students to seek guidance whenever they are unsure.

The Bayonne Public Schools Student Pledge:

As a Bayonne student, acting as a principled learner, I pledge to:

- Be honest and fair in my academic work.
- Complete assignments on my own.
- Ask clarifying questions prior to submitting work when unsure about academic integrity.
- Give credit to all my sources, including generative AI when applicable.
- Use technology responsibly to support my learning.
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Student Signature _____ Date _____