

Myers Park Honor Code

"On My Honor, I will not cheat, I will not lie"



The time is always right to do what is right.

-Martin Luther King Jr.

Myers Park High School's mission is to inspire students with a passion for learning and a commitment to **personal integrity** and academic excellence. Students will be empowered to become self-confident, creative, socially responsible, and globally aware.

Myers Park High School, embodies a spirit of **honesty** and **integrity** that is central to learning, and embodies the expression of common values among all members of the school community. In order to maintain an educational environment that respect these values, we commit to following our established honor code. The honor code is based on the **two** principles:

Honesty

When you state what you know to be true and do not deceive, regardless of consequence to yourself or others. Examples of **dishonesty** are the following:

- Making a false statement with the intention is to deceive.
- Lying to administrators, staff, and faculty members
- Falsifying any school documents

Integrity

When individuals act in with high moral principles, cooperate with efforts to maintain high moral principles, and encourage high moral principles in others. It is also demonstrated when individuals submit their own work for tests and assignments without unapproved assistance; students do not provide unauthorized assistance to others. Examples of **lacking integrity** are

- Communicating with other students during a test, quiz, or other classroom assignment
- Copying or allowing someone to copy in a testing situation
- Attempting to cheat
- Attempting to use another person's work without citations
- Copying of key phrases from another source
- Giving or receiving information regarding an assessment without the knowledge of a teacher

The members of this community will respect the Honor Code by: **Administration**

- Support publication of the Honor Code and Pledge in the student and faculty handbooks and the Honor Policy on the school's website
- Facilitate ongoing conversations and reflection about the Honor Policy and Honor Code,
- Supervise the administration the Honor Committee and its fair and consistent consequences for offenses of the Honor Policy
- Maintain confidential records of Honor violations
- Confidentially share examples of violations of the Honor Policy to the Honor Committee to be used for examples of how to further educate students
- Financially Support the Honor Committee.

Staff

- Present the Honor Code in some clear written form to show how they apply the Honor Code to their class, including guidelines for working on assignments in that class,
- Support the school's core values that emphasizes student learning,

- Teach the process of learning and creating academic products while allowing sufficient time for products to be completed
- Include deadlines for academic products that could include (for example) thesis statements, research notes, outlines and drafts,
- Be available outside of class to help students with questions and other learning needs,
- Collaborate with other teachers and departments to avoid multiple large projects coming due at the same time
- Maintain the integrity of the evaluation/testing process (use multiple forms, seek responses that require thinking and not just facts, maintain supervision),
- Use the evaluation/testing process as a teaching opportunity
- Evaluate and test what you teach,
- Explain the use of permissible study aids – including tutors – in coursework,
- Check student papers for the integrity of their work
- Report to the Administration any violations of the Honor Policy and follow through with the consequences set forth by the guidelines of the honor code

Students

- Complete all assigned work, activities and tests with integrity to avoid cheating and lying.
- Understand the Honor code and show support by signing the Honor Pledge.
- Ask teachers for clarification if there is concern about your work with respect to the Honor Code.
- Participating in the further development in the Honor Policy/Code during the student's high school career,
- Maintain records of research notes, outlines, rough drafts and reference works to validate individual effort,
- Seek supplemental assistance from teachers, parents or peers to understand lessons and assignments.
- Report any violations of the Honor Code to a teacher or administration

Parents/Guardians

- Review and understand the Honor Code and honor guidelines and demonstrate your support by signing.
- Communicate your support for the school's core values and Honor Code and discuss with your student their opinion of academic integrity and its relevance to their education,
- Support consequences if the Honor Code is violated and discuss with your student the value of maintaining academic integrity.

Violations and Consequences of breaking the Honor Code

****Adapted from the CMS Students Rights and Responsibilities Handbook****

C. Cheating UB: Honor Code Violation: Violating rules of honesty and Honor Codes, including but not limited to plagiarism or copying another student's test or assignment, are prohibited. The superintendent has the discretion to punish violations of this rule as Tier III if the student's actions have a serious detrimental effect on other students or staff.

Violations of the MPHS Honor code will be referred to and investigated by the Administrative Team made up of the Principal, Assistant Principals, Deans of Students, IAF and IB Coordinators. All facts regarding the incident/infraction including but not limited to frequency, severity, formal vs. informal assignments, etc. will be considered in making a final determination and levying consequences. Certain infractions may result in consequences ranging from parent notification and receiving a Zero on the assignment to suspension and an Honor Code Violation documented in the powerschool. Honor Code violations listed in powerschool could be reported to Colleges/Universities for the admissions process.

Myers Park High School Honor Pledge

As a member of the Myers Park High School community, I pledge to uphold a high level of honesty and integrity by being true to myself and others at all times and submitting my own work at all times. I agree to report any infractions of the Honor Code to a member of the Honor Committee, teachers, staff or administration. I make this pledge to myself and my school community.

Student name _____

Student ID number _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____