

## Wheeler High School Honor Pledge and Academic Integrity

Dear Students and Parents,

Here at the Wheeler High School, we have a rigorous and extensive curriculum that we believe will best prepare students for futures in STEM fields and a variety of other fields that they may pursue. Given this rigorous coursework, there may sometimes be the temptation to cheat or take steps that are not appropriate in order to achieve a certain grade in class. We want all students to be successful, and we provide extensive resources to support each student, but we are strongly opposed to any form of cheating or unethical behavior.

Unfortunately, we find that students' own personal sense of what is acceptable and what is not acceptable is sometimes a little gray, so we want to clarify appropriate behaviors for all students and families.

The Wheeler High School Honor Pledge is the following:

***I certify the work I am submitting is my original work.***

***I have not shared nor exchanged information or materials with anyone, nor will I do so in the future.***

Unacceptable behaviors include, but are not limited, to the following:

- Copying another student's work
  - This includes lab data, lab reports, homework, test answers, essays, reports, etc.
- Giving another student access to your work
  - This includes lab data, lab reports, homework, test answers, essays, reports, etc.
- Informing students of content that was present on a test when that student may be taking the test later in the day
  - This includes telling other students specific questions, general topics on which to focus additional review, chapters, homework assignments, labs, etc.
- Using unauthorized materials such as websites, cheat sheets, cell phones, cliff notes, etc. that is not specifically approved by the teacher beforehand
- Completing or making a significant contribution to someone else's assignment or allowing someone else to complete or make a significant contribution to an assignment for you
- Providing false information to a teacher or administrator during an inquiry related to academic integrity
- Falsifying official documents such as parent notes
- Plagiarism, which includes the following:
  - Copying content word for word from any source including but not limited to a website, a journal, a book, another student, etc.
  - Paraphrasing content from any source without giving proper citation of the source
    - Plagiarism is the stealing of "thoughts" not necessarily exact words
- Making up data or sources that do not exist

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Consequences and Acknowledgement

Consequences for violating the Honor Pledge:

- 1<sup>st</sup> offense:
  - Discipline referral to administrator
  - Grade of zero for the assignment on which the violation occurred
  - Honor Pledge Violation form to Magnet Coordinator
  - Student placed on Disciplinary Probation
  - Student faces tribunal consisting of Magnet faculty
  - A letter will be placed in the student's file
- 2<sup>nd</sup> offense:
  - Discipline referral to administrator
  - Grade of zero for the assignment on which the violation occurred
  - Honor Pledge Violation form to Magnet Coordinator
  - Student removed from Magnet Program if 2<sup>nd</sup> offense is in same semester or immediately subsequent semester from the 1<sup>st</sup> offense
  - Student Placed on Disciplinary Probation if not in same or immediately subsequent semester
  - Student faces tribunal consisting of Magnet faculty
  - A letter will be placed in the student's file

Please also be aware that there are many consequences to academic dishonesty above and beyond the specific Magnet consequences listed above. For example, many colleges will request information related to any academic dishonesty, which could then affect your admission decision. Furthermore, teachers with whom you have displayed academic dishonesty may choose not to write college recommendation letters for you, or the letters may not be as strong as they might otherwise be.

Please sign below indicating your acknowledgement of the Honor Pledge policy for the Center for Advanced Studies.

I acknowledge the Wheeler Center for Advanced Studies Honor Code as describe above, and I commit myself to honor these rules and behave in a manner above reproach.

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Student Name (Please print)

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Graduation Year

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent Signature

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Date