



Pearland High School Honor Code



Students attending Pearland High School are expected to conduct themselves honorably in pursuit of their education. We believe students are responsible for maintaining and supporting the academic integrity of the school by completing all assigned work, activities, and tests in an honorable process without engaging in cheating, fraud, plagiarism, or prohibitive electronic assistance. The Honor Code expressly forbids the following academic violations:

Cheating

Examples of cheating include, but are not limited to:

- Copying another person's work.
- Allowing another person to copy your work.
- Using unauthorized notes, aids, or written material in any form during a test.
- Unauthorized use of technological devices (cell phones, cameras, ipods, games, etc) while taking an assessment. During assessment, visible electronic devices are deemed as cheating. No exceptions.
- Talking; copying from another person's paper; giving or receiving information by signs, gestures, or deception during any type of assessment.

Plagiarism

Examples of plagiarism include, but are not limited to:

- Presenting someone else's work as your own, including the copying of language, structure, programming, computer code, ideas, and/or thoughts of another without proper citation or acknowledgement.
- Copying word for word, without using quotation marks or giving credit to the source of the material.
- Failing to use proper documentation and bibliography.
- Having someone else do assignments which are then submitted as one's own work.

Falsification/Lying

Examples of falsification/lying include, but are not limited to:

- Making an untrue statement verbally or in writing with the intent to deceive.
- Creating false or misleading impressions.
- Forgery of official signatures.



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Responsibilities

Students will...

- Exercise academic honesty in all aspects of their work.
- Prepare sufficiently for all types of assessments.
- Seek extra help from teachers.
- Avoid engaging in cheating, plagiarizing, and lying.
- Use sources in the prescribed manner.
- Report any violations of the Honor Code.

Teachers will...

- Develop, model, and sustain ethical practices within the classroom setting.
- Report violations to counselors and administrators.
- Confer with those who violate the Honor Code.
- Contact student's parent or guardian regarding a violation.
- Record a failing grade for the assignment.

Parents will...

- Discuss the Honor Code with their child to ensure understanding.
- Encourage their child to maintain high standards with regard to integrity, honesty, and personal responsibility.
- Support faculty and administration in enforcing the Honor Code.

Administrators will...

- Ensure that all faculty, students, and parents receive the Honor Code.
- Help contribute to a school-wide environment that encourages adherence to the Honor Code.
- Require teachers to enforce the Honor Code.
- Maintain accurate records of Honor Code violations.
- Ensure that the Honor Code is being applied consistently throughout the school



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Consequences:

We believe the measure of success of our school community is based on the success of our students, so the consequences below shall serve as a deterrent to a violation of the PHS Honor Code. As a result of clear and compelling evidence of student's cheating, the following consequences will be enforced and violations of the PHS Honor Code will accumulate throughout a student's high school career.

First Violation of Honor Code

1. A student shall receive a "0" for the school work, and is subject to a "U" in conduct, and disciplinary action.
2. Retakes will not be allowed for assignments associated with cheating.
3. A student is not eligible for final exam exemption in course where cheating took place.

Second Violation of Honor Code

1. A student shall receive a "0" for the school work, and is subject to a "U" in conduct, and disciplinary action.
2. Retakes will not be allowed for assignments associated with cheating.
3. Students who are enrolled in advanced academic courses (Pre-AP/AP) will lose weighted GPA for course.
4. A student is not eligible for final exam exemption in any course.
5. A documented finding of academic dishonesty shall be reported on the student's college application.
6. Students in violation of the Honor Code may be removed from the National Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society, and any other Honor Society that is an organized school program.