

Expectations for Academic Integrity

As a student at WWPHS, one needs to understand that genuine academic and personal achievements presuppose academic and personal integrity. No matter how much pressure to achieve the appearance of academic and personal achievements without their realities, one must never betray oneself or others by giving into that pressure and compromising one's integrity by cheating, plagiarizing, stealing, or by being cruel to others, nor must a student ever misrepresent the truth in order to obtain special privilege or consideration.

A WWPHS student, I will:

- Work independently and without assistance from others or give assistance to others unless express permission is given by the teacher with regard to all assignments.
- Prepare myself properly for a test or graded assignment without accepting information in advance from others who have already taken it. Nor will I disseminate information to someone who has not yet taken a test or worked on a graded assignment.
- Follow teacher direction for the taking of tests or graded assignments without the use of notes or other sources of information unless specifically allowed to do so.
- Cite outside sources properly following MLA format and teacher direction as needed. Failure to do so would be considered plagiarism.
- Present my work as my own without misrepresenting the truth in order to obtain special consideration or privilege.
- Use technology in an appropriate and legal manner.

Violation of the Academic Integrity code will result in:

- A faculty or staff member will discuss the violation with the student privately.
- Documentation of the incident.
- A report of the violation to the student's parent.
- A report of the violation to the student's Assistant Principal.
- No credit for the assignment. The faculty or staff member may require the student to make up the assignment for educational purposes.
- One day Saturday suspension.
- This information being kept on file for the duration of the student's high school career.

When a student recognizes that he/she has violated the expectations for Academic Integrity, either wittingly or unwittingly, it is expected that the violation will be admitted to an appropriate adult, a faculty member, a guidance counselor, or Assistant Principal. In such cases the voluntary admission may mitigate the disciplinary consequence/penalty. The student's parents will be notified, and the appropriate procedures for such offenses will be followed.

When one student discovers another student has violated the expectations for Academic Integrity, it is expected that the student will choose from the following responsible actions: (a) encourage the violator to make an admission of academic dishonesty to an appropriate adult; or (b) report the violation to an appropriate adult, with or without names. If the student does nothing about the violation, that student has condoned the violation.

On my honor, I pledge that all work I submit during the current school year is my own and that I will neither give nor receive unauthorized help on any assignment.

_____	_____	_____
Student Signature	Student Name	Student Number

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Parent Signature	Parent Name	Date

This signature should serve as a constant reminder to every student the importance of honor and integrity and their duty to uphold these two principles. **Please return to Language Arts teacher after it is signed.**