

**Myers Park High School
Honor Code**

Cheating: “A student will not lie or cheat.”

- Violating the rules of honesty by using “unauthorized assistance, aids, or other material,” such as but not limited to plagiarism, copying another student’s test or assignment, text messaging, using formulas in calculators, cheat sheets, cell phones, iPods, etc., in the carrying out of an academic assignment. Students are expected to follow the rules set by the individual course instructor as presented in a course syllabus, verbal directions, or posted rules (*CMS Student Rights & Responsibilities Handbook* 13-14).

Plagiarism:

- “Plagiarism is the use of another person’s work (this could be his or her words, products or ideas) for personal advantage, without proper acknowledgement of the original work, and with the intention of passing it off as one’s own work. Plagiarism may occur *deliberately* (with the intention to deceive) or *accidentally* (due to poor referencing). It encompasses copying material from a book, copying and pasting information from the World Wide Web, receiving help from unauthorized sources on coursework [. . .]” (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plagiarism>)

Forgery:

- The intent to mislead others by falsifying a signature in an academic matter (*CMS Student Rights & Responsibilities Handbook* 13).
 - Staff member (*major violation*)
 - Parental (*minor violation*)

Major Violations:

(NOT the result of misunderstandings— *blatant intent to deceive.*)

First Offense:

- Conference with student and notification of occurrence to parent/guardian
- Student will receive a zero on the assignment with no opportunity for make-up/redo
- No opportunity for extra-credit in that course for the remainder of the quarter (per discretion of the teacher)
- No participation in National Honor Societies or SGA for two consecutive semesters
- Referral to Administration
- One (1) day of Saturday School

Second Offense:

- All the above for First Offense
- One (1) day ISS/OSS (per discretion of Administration)

Third and Consecutive Offenses:

- All the above for First Offense
- Three (3) days ISS/OSS (per discretion of Administration)

Minor Violations:

(Unintentional beyond a reasonable doubt.)

First Offense:

- Conference with student and notification of occurrence to parent/guardian

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- Student will receive a zero on the assignment with opportunity for make-up/redo left to the discretion of the instructor.

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- Treat as a first major offense and continue levels of consequences in Major Violation category.

Examples of Major Violations	Examples of Minor Violations
Use of cheat sheets	Forgery of parent/guardian's signature
Forgery of staff member's signature	Sentences or phrases without proper minor clerical attribution
Plagiarism of portions of essays (either by BLOG, purchased essay, or email, etc.)	Failure to submit the Honor Code document
Providing answers or discussing the contents of a test with another student	Refusing to sign Honor Code document
Copying homework/lab assignments	
Use of electronic devices to communicate answers, i.e. iPods, phones, calculators, etc.	
Taking pictures of assignments with a camera phone	
Messaging someone with transfer of information by ANY means	

**Note: Teachers will differentiate types of assignments via the following categories:*

Type A:

- Independent (Student must work alone without outside assistance.)
- No assistance (from any unauthorized aid)

Type B:

- Independent
- Students may use notes/research/calculator as deemed appropriate by teacher for each assignment

Type C:

- Cooperative (Students may work together in any capacity determined by teacher.)

Honor Pledge:

As a member of the Myers Park community, I commit myself to act honestly, responsibly, and above all, with honor and integrity in all areas of student life. I am accountable for all that I say and write. I am responsible for the academic integrity of my work. I pledge that I will not misrepresent my work nor give or receive unauthorized aid per my instructor's classification. I am respectful of school property and the property of others (albeit written, verbal, photographic, etc.). I will not tolerate a lack of respect for these values.

I understand the Myers Park Honor Code, and I will not cheat on any assignment.

Student Signature

ID#

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date