

The purpose of the Academic Honor Code is to foster the development of one of the most important characteristics of good citizenship – individual responsibility. Honorable academic behavior helps create an educational community based on trust, in which no cheating or plagiarism is tolerated. It creates an educational community in which individuals are treated fairly and recognized for their individual achievement. As student at Avon Grove High School, you are expected to follow this Code on all work completed in your courses.

Expectation 1: Homework, Classwork, Quizzes, and Tests. You are expected to do your own work and to ask for help when needed to meet this expectation.

Examples of honorable behavior that you are expected to follow:

- Doing your own homework and classwork assignments as best you can and turning them in on time.
- Asking your teacher or other appropriate resource person for help so that you can complete the assignment on time.
- Doing your own work on quizzes and tests.

Examples of dishonorable behavior or cheating that are not tolerated:

- Copying a homework or classwork assignment from the work of another student instead of doing the work yourself.
- Allowing another student to copy your homework or classwork assignment.
- Looking at another student's paper during a quiz or test to copy answers instead of doing the work yourself.
- Allowing another student to look at your quiz or test to copy answers.
- Accessing information in an improper manner (e.g. cheat sheet, electronically stored or sent information) during a testing situation.
- Providing information to others during a testing situation (e.g. providing other student with test questions).
- Presenting work done by someone else as your own.

Expectation 2: Cooperative Learning Activities. In cooperative learning activities, you are expected to complete your individual assignments on time. You are expected to share your information with a partner or small group, whenever it is appropriate to do so to meet the requirements of the assignment. You are expected to ask for help when needed to meet this expectation.

Examples of honorable behavior that you are expected to follow:

- Completing your individual assignment on time.
- Completing your fair share of the partner or group assignment.
- Staying on task with your partner or small group so that the assignment is completed on time.
- Asking for help from the teacher if the partnership or group encounters problems.

Examples of dishonorable behavior or cheating that are not tolerated:

- Copying your individual assignment from another student and presenting the work as your own.
- Doing the work that is assigned to another student and allowing that student to take credit for it.
- Not meeting your individual responsibilities to the partnership or group.
- Distracting others in the partnership or group so that the work cannot be completed on time.

Expectation 3: Research Projects and Essay Writing. You are expected to give credit for all ideas and information not your own in research projects and essays, and to ask for help when needed to meet this expectation.

Examples of honorable behavior that you are expected to follow:

- Doing your own research projects and essays as best you can and turning them in on time.
- Asking your teacher, librarian, or other appropriate resource person for help so you can complete the assignments on time.
- Keeping track of all sources of information during research so that you can give appropriate credit to the authors in your own writing.
- Learning how to give credit correctly to the ideas and information of others in research and essay writing.

Examples of dishonorable behavior or plagiarism that are not tolerated:

- Copying sentences, paragraphs or entire papers from encyclopedias, books, magazines, or Internet sources and presenting the work as your own.
- Using the work of another student and presenting it as your own.
- Failing to give credit correctly to the ideas and information of others.

Consequences for violating the Academic Honor Code

- Discussions regarding violations of the Academic Honor Code will be held privately with the student or students involved.
- The student(s) will be given the opportunity to explain the situation.
- The teacher will make a determination if a violation has occurred.
- If a violation has occurred, the student(s) and a parent(s) or guardian(s) will be notified.
- The student(s) will receive no credit for the assignment.

Incidents of violations of the Academic Honor Code will be reported to the main office, even if the consequence is handled entirely by the teacher. Repeat violations of the Academic Honor Code will result in disciplinary action in addition to the academic consequence.