

Westlake High School

Academic honesty and integrity are basic to the creation of an effective learning community. The student who cheats is harmed because he or she is not learning the material. Other students are harmed when those who cheat gain an unfair advantage in the classroom. Westlake High School suffers when the climate of trust and mutual respect is undermined. Society pays the price when the taking of short cuts becomes an accepted norm.

Examples of cheating include, but are not limited to:

- copying homework or allowing another student to copy homework.
- collaborating on homework without the permission of the teacher.
- plagiarizing by taking credit for work done by another without giving proper credit.
- sharing or receiving answers to or items included on tests or quizzes.
- procuring and/or studying from tests or quizzes obtained without the teacher's permission.
- accessing answers written on a cheat sheet, item of clothing or anywhere else during a testing situation.
- looking at or allowing another student to look at your answer sheet during a test or quiz.
- talking, using signs or making gestures during a quiz or test for the purpose of communicating with other students.
- using any electronic device (cell phone, MP3 or CD player, palm pilot, or calculator) to access information during a test or quiz.
- sabotaging a fellow student's work in order to gain advantage.

Honor Code

I understand the importance of academic integrity at Westlake High School, and I vow to be honest and honorable in all of my dealings with fellow students, faculty and staff. I understand that each time I sign my name to a school document, I am reaffirming this pledge.

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

Printed Name _____

Consequences of Honor Code violations:

- The student receives a "0" on the assignment/test and loses the right to make it up for credit.
- The teacher notifies the parent.
- The teacher completes an Honor Code violation form and turns it in to the appropriate grade-level principal. The Honor Code violation remains on file for the duration of the student's high school career.
- The student is assigned to In-School Suspension.
- The student loses the right to exempt from all final exams for the semester in which the violation occurred.
- The student may be denied membership and current members will be expelled from student organizations requiring an Honor Code.
- Actions that involve collusion and/or theft of tests or teaching materials will result in suspension or assignment to AEP.
- A pattern of cheating behavior will result in suspension or assignment to AEP.