

Graduation Project Honor Code

Cheating is not an action. It is a state of being. Cheating robs you of your dignity and self-worth. It steals from you the opportunity to learn and grow, while also stealing intellectual property from others. Cheating corrupts the goal and value of learning. Those who cheat are left empty, never knowing the supreme satisfaction of a "job well done."

At Apex High School, we know that you will want to enter your adulthood with pride and a sense of personal power. Therefore, we expect you to uphold this Honor Code in all its various applications. These may include, but are not limited to:

- forging signatures on forms and documents
- copying book or Internet material without documentation
- stealing other people's work
- submitting work that other people did for you
- accepting credit for service you did not perform

There are a thousand ways to cheat, but there is only one way to stay honest.

With at least one Significant Adult in your life, declare this Honor Code. Both of you will sign below. Return this paper to your HOMEROOM teacher.

I, _____, promise to exercise honesty on my Graduation Project journey. I know the way will not be easy, and I will experience many difficulties. I will regard those difficulties as opportunities to learn. I know that my actions reveal the person I really am. There is no other "me." Mindful of the dignity of others and of myself, I will struggle with honor and find pride in my solutions. I believe in my abilities to solve my problems and to find the help I need. I will not misrepresent myself to my peers, my teachers, or my family. I will not take the short cut to self-denial.

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Significant Adult signature: _____ Date: _____

Adult's Name printed: _____ Relationship: _____

Contact Information: (phone, e-mail) _____

Include this document in your Portfolio.