

Ms. Whitebird's Student Integrity Contract

As a student in Ms. Whitebird's class I understand that integrity is essential in all of my academic ventures. I understand that in order to gain the most from my educational experience, mutual respect and trust is essential between student and teacher. I further understand that teachers use various assessment methods (daily assignments, quizzes, tests, research projects, etc.) of both an individual and collaborative group nature to check my learning progress and to ensure that I gain the best possible education from my school work.

Therefore, I (student's printed name), _____, pledge the following in order for me to gain the most from my school work and to express integrity in all that I do.

1. I pledge not to cheat or plagiarize in any of my academic endeavors. Cheating includes, but is not limited to, the intentional giving or receiving of any unauthorized, unfair, or unscrupulous advantage in school work.

○ Some examples of cheating are as follows:

- Taking credit for work that I knowingly did not do
- Allowing other students to copy or use my school work and turn it in as their own
- Taking credit for group work when I contributed little to nothing toward the project
- Working with other students when the teacher has not given permission for the project to be completed collaboratively
- Using hidden reference or "cheat" sheets or using any electronic media so as to gain an unfair advantage

○ Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to, presenting as my own work the work or ideas of another person and failing to give the appropriate acknowledgement to the other person.

○ Some examples of plagiarism are as follows:

- Presenting as my own, in part or in whole, information obtained from the Internet or from previously written papers/articles/books whether published or not
- Paraphrasing the words or ideas of another person without giving appropriate acknowledgement to the original source
- Taking credit for material written/designed by another person without giving appropriate acknowledgement

2. I pledge to refuse to participate in any form of academic dishonesty and to report any such academic dishonesty that I witness to my teachers.

Student Signature: _____ Date Signed: _____

Parents/Guardian: I have reviewed the above information and am aware of these policies.

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