

Bearden High School Honor Code

Bearden High School exists to help all students become responsible, self-directed, lifelong learners capable of functioning effectively in a global society. We set high expectations for our students by engaging them in meaningful lessons, and by integrating the latest innovations into the classroom.

We expect every student who walks through our doors to achieve his or her personal best while here and beyond.

1. Academic honesty and integrity statement:

Rationale: Assignments, exams, and all student-created work are a measure of student performance and understanding. Exhibiting academic honesty is mandatory of students in order to assess their understanding of the material being taught. Therefore, it is non-negotiable that students document the contributions of others to their work.

2. Honor Code Statement:

According to *Harbrace Handbook, 15th edition*: (Adapted from West High School)
"Plagiarism is defined as presenting someone else's ideas, research, or opinion as your own without proper documentation, even if it has been rephrased. It includes, but is not limited to the following:

1. Copying verbatim all or part of another's written work;
2. Using phrases, figures, or illustrations without citing the source;
3. Paraphrasing ideas, conclusions, or research without citing the source;
4. Using all or part of a literary plot, poem, or film without attributing the work to its creator."

For all coursework (assignments, exams, projects, etc.), students agree to the following compulsory statements:

- My work is my own and I have neither cheated nor plagiarized anything with my name on it.
- I agree to neither participate, either directly or as a bystander, in any cheating or plagiarism and will discourage others from doing so.
- I understand and agree that if I am ever suspected of or guilty of breaking the Bearden High School honor code, repercussions can include a failing grade or other punishment as set forth by my teacher and school administration.

3. Staff Responsibility Statement:

Staff will apply consequences appropriate to each individual circumstance of student dishonesty. Consequences may include, but are not limited to:

- A zero or reduced grade for the assignment
- Opportunity to redo the assignment at a reduced point value
- Notification to parent or other form of parent/teacher contact.
- Student referral to detention or suspension
- Loss of membership from leadership or honor societies
- Revocation or refusal of teacher recommendation letters to colleges.
- Any appropriate combination of the above or other that is deemed appropriate by administration.

By signing the below, Bearden High School students agree to comply by the honor code as outlined above.

Student Signature

Date

Printed Name