

## Germantown High School Honor Code

**I pledge to take pride in my work, model and encourage integrity, and focus on learning rather than grades.**

**Academic Integrity:** making the right decisions in regard to learning and committing one's self to actively and honestly participate in his/her own learning

**Collaboration:** working with others to equally complete tasks a teacher has specifically assigned for a group

**Academic Dishonesty:** intended or unintended participation in activities that misrepresent one's true academic ability

### Honor Code Infractions:

- **Cheating:** attempting to deceive or mislead a teacher and/or administrator in any manner; using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, people, or actions for grade betterment; copying without authorization from teacher
- **Collusion/unauthorized collaboration:** working with others to complete individually assigned work without teacher permission; conspiring (verbal, text, etc.) with others to cheat, plagiarize, fabricate, etc.
- **Fabrication:** intentionally misrepresenting and/or falsifying information of any type (names, data, forged signatures, etc.); providing misleading information
- **Facilitation of academic dishonesty:** providing help to another student (verbal, written, etc.) that has not been approved by the teacher to cheat/fabricate/etc.
- **Improper use of technology:** using technology (phones, watches, calculator, iPads, Google, etc.) to facilitate cheating, fabrication, plagiarism, etc.
- **Plagiarism:** using information from another person/source without properly giving credit to the original person/source

Infraction Type	Infraction Example (but not limited to)	Acceptable Actions
Cheating	Copying another student's homework for a grade	Copying notes from another student when absent after teacher instructed to do so
Collusion	After a teacher assigned an individual assignment containing 5 discussion questions, 5 students divide the questions up to complete and then all 5 submit the same responses for individual grades	A group of 5 students completing 5 discussion questions together in class after teacher instructed to complete in groups
Facilitation of Academic Dishonesty	Rewriting an entire paragraph for another student to submit	Providing revision marks for a student to then make corrections
Improper Use of Technology	Sending a text with answers from a quiz taken earlier in the day; searching the internet for answer keys/guides	Sending a text telling your friends the quiz was hard (and no more)
Plagiarism	Copying part of your paper directly from an essay from the Internet	Using a direct quote from that essay and providing a proper citation for that source

### Honor Code Consequences:

#### 1<sup>st</sup> violation:

- parental contact
- a grade of zero with no attempt to redo/retake
- honors violation submitted and kept on file

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> violation (honors/AP/IB level classes begin here with their first violation):

ALL of the above and

- loss of privileges (removal/ineligibility) including but not limited to honor society membership, SGA, teacher assistant, etc. for 12 months after the infraction
- notification to the Honor Code Committee
- student conference

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> violation and subsequent violations:

ALL of the above and

- loss of privileges (removal/ineligibility) including but not limited to honor society membership, SGA, teacher assistant, etc. for the remainder of his/her high school career
- meeting with the Honor Code Committee to determine further alternative discipline procedures as outlined in Shelby County

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I promise to follow the GHS Honor Code by taking pride in my work, modeling and encouraging integrity, focusing on learning rather than grades, and accepting the consequences if I act in any way that does not adhere to this code.

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Student Printed Name

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Grade

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Student Signature

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Date

I promise to encourage my child to follow the GHS Honor Code by modeling and encouraging integrity, focusing on learning rather than grades, proactively communicating with teachers and administrators, and accepting the consequences if my child acts in any way that does not adhere to this code.

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Parent Printed Name

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Best Phone Number

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Parent Signature

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Date

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Parent email