

Honor Pledge¹

The honor pledge will be hand written out by each student and affirmed by a dated signature of the student and a parent or guardian at the start of each school year and turned in as a first exercise to the student's English teacher.

I pledge to maintain a high level of respect and integrity as a student representing [your school name]. I understand and will uphold the Honor Code in letter and spirit to help our school advance authentic learning. I will not lie, cheat, plagiarize or be complicit with those who do. I will encourage fellow students who commit honor offenses to acknowledge such offenses to their teacher or the Honor Council. I make this pledge in the spirit of honor and trust.

Additional Examples from Schools:**General Pledge with Responsibility for Others**

- ❖ As a member of the Mainland community, I maintain a high level of respect and integrity. I uphold the Honor Code in letter and spirit. I do not lie, cheat, steal, vandalize, or commit forgery. I encourage fellow students who commit honors offenses to acknowledge such offenses. I inform the Honor Council of my own and others infractions. I make this pledge in the spirit of honor and trust.²
- ❖ I pledge to uphold the Honor Code of Norfolk Collegiate School. I will not cheat, lie, steal, deceive, or plagiarize. I am further aware that, as a member of this community, I am expected to report violations of this Code as I know them to occur.³
- ❖ As a member of the Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School community, I promise to uphold honor with my words and actions. I will not lie, cheat or steal. I accept responsibility for my own actions and for what other members of the community may do in my presence. I understand the need for honor and pledge to defend it.⁴

General Pledge – Personal

- ❖ As a student at Mont Clair Kimberly Academy, I pledge:
 - To neither give nor receive help on a test or graded assignment (before, during, and after) unless given permission by my teacher.
 - To cite any outside sources and receive credit only for my own work.
 - To respect others as well as their personal property and myself.
 - Not to be cruel to others.⁵

¹Adapted from Mainland Regional High School, Linwood, NJ – Public –

<http://www.mainlandregional.net/school%20information/honor%20code.html>

² Mainland Regional High School, Linwood, NJ – Public –

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³ Norfolk Collegiate School, Norfolk, VA – Private –

<http://www.norfolkcollegiate.org/home/content.asp?id=7&zZsec=academics&mid=7&mSec=academics>

⁴ Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School, Rabun Gap, GA – Private –

http://rabungap.net/faculty/wmalot/honor_code/Honor_Code.htm

⁵ Mont Clair Kimberly Academy, Mont Clair, NJ – Private –

<http://www.montclairkimberley.org/home/about/honorcode>

- ❖ As a member of the Lexington Catholic High School Community, I pledge to uphold a high standard of integrity and honor by neither giving nor receiving any unauthorized aid in all academic settings. I agree to all standards set forth by the Lexington Catholic High School Honor Code.⁶

Project Pledge

- ❖ On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid on this assignment.⁷
- ❖ On my honor, I pledge that I have neither given nor received unpermitted aid during this test, paper, assignment, or examination.⁸

⁶ Lexington Catholic High School, Lexington, KY – Private Catholic – http://www.lexingtoncatholic.com/honor_council.htm

⁷ River Hill High School, Clarksville, MD – Public – <http://www.howard.k12.md.us/rhhs/honor/honorcouncil2.htm>

⁸ The Hill School, Pottstown, PA – Private – <http://www.thehill.org/home/content.asp?id=104&pointID=508&zzSec=about%20the%20hill>