

## **Academic Honesty Contract**

BHS Mission Statement: To develop intellectual entrepreneurs with a social conscience.

All students are expected to complete their own work to the best of their ability. Academic honesty includes, but is not limited to, turning in your own authentic work, using only permitted resources during assignments and assessments, refraining from photographing or removing assessment items from the classroom, and refraining from sharing assessment details with others between classes.

A gray area for students involves group work and assignments completed outside of class. Collaborative work is the thinking and discussing of ideas with others; the written expression of those discussions should always be your original, unique work. A rule of thumb is that you should never show or give your paper to someone else. Protect your own intellectual property.

Another gray area for students is the use of published works. Plagiarism is the use of someone's words, ideas or work as your own. Plagiarism in any form will not be tolerated, including cutting and pasting, changing words from a cut-and-pasted document, and paraphrasing online work or ideas without citation. We are in this to form original ideas and formulate our own opinions; the use of the intellectual property of others is always unacceptable.

All perceived acts of academic dishonesty will be investigated. Each investigation will involve an incident report to be completed by both the student and the teacher and will be shared with parents and administrators. This provides the student an opportunity for the student to be honest and share his/her narrative. Honesty is the best policy. Any confirmed act of academic dishonesty will result in a zero on that item. Additional offenses may result in disciplinary action, as well as put your course grade in further jeopardy.

If you put your time, effort, and energy into learning the material you will not feel tempted to act dishonestly. Anyone knowing of someone who is dishonest in any way need simply to see me, and it will be investigated appropriately. If you approach me with such information, I will not let your name be known. Dishonest students hurt the honest students; do not let them make you look bad. Tests may be graded on a curve, so it is in your best interest not to let anyone get away with any form of dishonesty.

Student printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Course: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_