

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

CODE OF HONOR

There is a clear expectation that all students will perform academic tasks with honor and integrity, with the support of parents, staff, faculty, administration, and the community. The learning process requires students to think, process, organize and create their own ideas. Throughout this process, students gain knowledge, self-respect, and ownership in the work that they do. These qualities provide a solid foundation for life skills, impacting people positively throughout their lives. Cheating and plagiarism violate the fundamental learning process and compromise personal integrity and one's honor. Students demonstrate academic honesty and integrity by not cheating, plagiarizing or using information unethically in any way.

What is cheating?

Cheating or academic dishonesty can take many forms, but always involves the improper taking of information from and/or giving of information to another student, individual, or other source. Examples of cheating can include, but are not limited to:

- ◆ Taking or copying answers on an examination or any other assignment from another student or other source
- ◆ Giving answers on an examination or any other assignment to another student
- ◆ Copying assignments that are turned in as original work
- ◆ Collaborating on exams, assignments, papers, and/or projects without specific teacher permission
- ◆ Allowing others to do the research or writing for an assigned paper
- ◆ Using unauthorized electronic devices
- ◆ Falsifying data or lab results, including changing grades electronically

Carson High School Honor Code

The teacher will:

- Require students writing papers to indicate the source for any borrowed content.
- Define cheating, plagiarism, and academic dishonesty within the framework of the course.
- Specify whether an assignment is collaborative or independent.
- Create an atmosphere conducive to fair and honest testing.
- Carefully monitor exams to prevent cheating.
- Take initiative to address issues of dishonesty, should they arise.
- Ensure that electronic devices are used for solely academic purposes.
- Understand the definition of cheating and plagiarism and acknowledge the consequences for each offense.

The student will:

- Commit to fair and honest work on classroom assignments, homework, and tests.
- Learn teacher's expectations regarding collaborative and individual assignments, asking questions for clarification when needed.
- Take responsibility for carrying out a particular assignment in a collaborative situation, where applicable.
- Not use electronic devices without teacher permission.
- Be familiar with the school policy and definitions regarding plagiarism and cheating.
- Not cheat.

The parent will:

- Encourage values of honesty, respect, responsibility, and trust.
- Foster an environment that supports individual and collaborative assignments.
- Assist student with homework when necessary without doing the work for the student.
- Support the school's policy regarding
 - Collaborative and individual assignments
 - Use of electronic devices
 - Fair and honest testing

- Issues of dishonesty
- Cheating and plagiarism

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Honor Code Consequences for Cheating/Plagiarism

The following applies to all classes cumulatively per school year. Cheating and plagiarism are defined by the Nevada Department of Education's Code of Honor that is sent home to be signed by parents/guardians and students at the beginning of every year.

First offense:

- The student will:
 - Receive a zero on the assignment.
 - Write a paragraph explaining why and how he/she cheated.
- The teacher will:
 - Contact parents.
 - Document the incident.
 - Contact the deans
- The dean will:
 - Track offenses
 - Refer to the Honor Code Committee if appropriate

Second offense:

- The student will:
 - Receive a zero on the assignment.
 - Write a paragraph explaining why and how he/she cheated.
 - Receive a mandatory three days of work detail.
- The teacher will:
 - Contact parents.
 - Document the incident.
 - Refer the student to the deans for work detail.
- The dean will:
 - Notify student's teachers of the incident
 - Track offenses
 - Refer to the Honor Code Committee if appropriate

Third offense:

- The student will:
 - Receive a zero on the assignment.
- The teacher will:
 - Contact parents.
 - Document the incident.
 - Refer the student to the deans
- The dean will:
 - Notify student's teachers of the incident
 - Track offenses
 - Refer the student to the Honor Code Committee for possible consequences that may include, but are not limited to:
 - Work detail
 - Suspension from extracurricular activities.
 - Loss of A.P. or honors credit
 - Loss of course credit
 - Disqualification from further A.P./honors classes

Honors Committee Make-Up: When the Honors Committee is called upon, a pool of members will be drawn

- Four students – One representative from each grade level pulled from class officers.
- Three teachers pulled from a larger pool of teachers.
- One Administrator.