

2023-2024 Meigs Academic Magnet School Honor Code

As a Meigs student, it is my responsibility to be academically honest at all times. I understand that cheating, dishonesty, and the misuse of the work of others and falsely claiming it as my own, constitute behavior that is contrary to the sense of who we are as a community.¹ I understand that academic dishonesty is not only disrespectful to our academic community as a whole, but also unfair to individuals in our community who work diligently and honestly to complete assignments in a proper manner.²

At Meigs, we declare that cheating and dishonesty in any form is inconsistent with our values and aspirations, and in particular, the following forms of behavior will not be tolerated at our school:

1. **Copying the work** (including homework, written assignments, or projects of any kind) of another student and representing it as one's own;
2. **Copying the answers of another student during an exam, a test, or a quiz;**
3. **Possessing or using notes or crib sheets during an exam, a test, or a quiz;**
4. **Completing any assignment in a fashion forbidden by the teacher who makes the assignment;**
5. **Plagiarism** (which we define as "to represent the words or unique ideas of another as one's own, or to quote the words of another individual or source in a written assignment without giving appropriate attribution to the true source");
6. **Obtaining from another student who has previously taken an exam, test, or quiz, information relating to either the questions on the exam, test, or quiz, or any responses to such questions;**
7. **Lying to a teacher about an assignment, or about one's reason for failing to complete or turn in an assignment;**
8. **Lying to a teacher about anything else having to do with one's schoolwork, attendance, or tardiness to class.**

We further declare that a student who aids or abets another student in his or her enactment of any of the above-described forms of dishonesty is equally guilty of the kind of behavior that we as a community will not tolerate.

We acknowledge that we as students have unique opportunities to discourage, disrupt, and diminish acts of cheating and other forms of dishonesty as we observe or learn of them, and we understand that the faculty and administration of Meigs are committed to protect and ensure the confidentiality of any conversations we may have with them about our observations or awareness of acts of dishonesty.³

Meigs Academic Misconduct Policy

When students are expected to do their own work (on assignments, projects, and assessments), **they will not cheat, copy, or take credit for somebody else's work.** When using other people's ideas, words, or information, students will properly cite their sources of information.

- 1st offense-** Referral to office, Restorative Conference, and Academic Misconduct Assignment. There is no opportunity for a retake.
- 2nd offense-** Referral to office, 1 day of In-School Suspension, and referral to counselor. There is no opportunity for a retake.
- 3rd offense-** Referral to office, minimum of 1 day of Out-of-School Suspension, and referral to counselor for Support Team (S-Team) meeting with parents. There is no opportunity for a retake.

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