

Westhampton Beach Middle School Honor Code

The Westhampton Beach School District believes in reinforcing the values of academic honesty and integrity and encouraging students to make ethical decisions about their education. As we strive to develop life-long learners, it is also our responsibility to help build life-long positive reputations. Academic integrity is core value that will serve the student well, both in high school and beyond.

Plagiarism Violations of the Honor Code:

- Submitting the work of others such as tutors, parents, siblings, or friends as your own
- Submitting the wording and/or ideas from a source without giving credit by the use of citations
- Submitting material found on the Internet, including purchased papers, as your own
- Providing your work to others, whether you believe it will be copied or not

Cheating Violations of the Honor Code:

- Copying assignments that are turned in as original work
- Using any form of assistance, including a calculator, electronic device, handwritten notes, or the exchange of answers orally or with gestures during a testing situation
- Using a computer to translate foreign language text into English without the permission of the instructor
- Taking credit for group work when you have not contributed the required or appropriate share toward the final result
- Accessing a test or quiz to determine questions in advance
- Using summaries or commentaries such as Cliff Notes or Spark Notes in lieu of reading the assigned materials

Disciplinary and Academic Consequences for Violating the Honor Code:

(Note: Consequences are by career not by year)

First Offense

- Description of the Honor Code Violation placed in the student's file, which will remain there for the duration of the students' attendance at the school
- A grade of zero for the assignment, test, presentation, or paper
- Meeting with parents, student, guidance counselor, teacher, and assistant principal
- Summary of this meeting will also be placed in the student's file

Second Offense

- Description of the Honor Code Violation placed in the student's file, which will remain there for the duration of the student's attendance at the school
- A grade of zero for the assignment, test, presentation, or paper
- Meeting with parents, student, guidance counselor, teacher, and assistant principal
- Summary of this meeting will also be placed in the student's file
- 4:30 Detention and/or Community Service
- Student must research college honor codes (specific details to be determined by administration) and submit a written report

Third Offense

- Description of the Honor Code Violation placed in the student's file, which will remain there for the duration of the student's attendance at the school
- A grade of zero for the assignment, test, presentation, or paper
- Meeting with parents, student, guidance counselor, teacher, and assistant principal
- Summary of this meeting will also be placed in the student's file
- Student suspended from school