

MAULDIN HIGH SCHOOL

MAVERICK HONOR CODE

The faculty, staff and administration of Mauldin High School is dedicated to creating an academic environment that promotes honesty and rewards genuine achievement. Academic dishonesty limits our school's ability to create such an environment. The Maverick Honor Code is designed to promote student responsibility and honesty.

Mauldin High School Students must pledge not to practice any form of academic dishonesty. Academic dishonesty includes any action that gives a student or students an unfair advantage in academics. Academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to the following:

- Copying someone else's class work, homework, quizzes, tests and other graded assignments/ assessments. (This includes copying work from another student's computer screen)
- Giving another student work to copy.
- Giving to, or receiving from another student, information about a quiz, test or other assessment which that student has not yet taken.
- Using unauthorized test aids such as "cheat sheets", calculators etc. This includes pulling up any unauthorized information on a computer or PED during an assessment.
- Using unauthorized electronic devices to gain an unfair academic advantage. (Including but not limited to cell phones, computers, laptops, tablets and MP3 players.)
- Accessing teacher or other school personnel's files or documents without permission.
- Submitting work created by someone besides themselves.
- Changing a grade by tampering with computer records.
- Trying to gain an unfair advantage over other students.

*** Students will often be encouraged by teachers to work collaboratively assignments. Legitimate collaboration is not gaining an unfair advantage over other students.

In order to be well prepared for post- secondary educational opportunities, Mauldin High School students must understand how to avoid plagiarism. Plagiarism is not only academic dishonesty but in many cases is a violation of copyright law: The definition of Plagiarism is:

"An act or instance of using or closely imitating the language and thoughts of another author without authorization and the presentation of that author's work as one's own, by not crediting the original source".

In the Maverick Honor Code plagiarism includes but is not limited to:

- Presenting as your own work the opinions, sequence of ideas, arrangement of content and pattern of thought without crediting the original source.
- Using material from the internet (copy and paste) without crediting the original source.
- Submitting the work, ideas, pattern of ideas etc. of anyone other than yourself without crediting the original source of that information.

As part of the Maverick Honor Code students will be required to pledge that they have not violated the Maverick Honor Code. Students are expected to be truthful when they pledge their adherence to the Maverick Code.

Being untruthful includes but is not limited to:

- Signing an honor pledge knowing the pledge is not true.
- Not being truthful when being asked about a possible honor pledge violation
- Forging a signature
- Knowingly helping a student violate any part of the Maverick Honor Code

Statement of Understanding:

At the beginning of each school year students will sign a statement that indicates they understand the Maverick Honor Code. Additionally, student will be required to write and sign an honor pledge for each assignment deemed necessary by their teacher.

- "I pledge that I have not violated the Maverick Honor Code."

Disciplinary Consequences will be completed by the MHS administration.