

Frank W. Cox Honor Code

The Honor Code of Frank W. Cox High School embraces the concepts of personal integrity and mutual respect and is the school's acknowledgment of the importance of excellence in all educational endeavors. Knowledge without ethics is both useless and dangerous, and it is the desire of the Cox community to ensure that its students understand the importance of having the two work in conjunction with each other. The Code is designed to address academic misconduct, and its penalties are, therefore, academic in nature.

- Academic misconduct under the Code includes **any** form of cheating. This means that each piece of work submitted by a student during a course is to be his/her own work unless prepared under other conditions specified by the faculty member in charge of the assignment. Academic misconduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:
 - Copying of graded homework assignments of another student
 - Giving or receiving unauthorized help on a test, quiz, or paper
 - Fraudulently changing a test answer or other academic work after the testing period or the due date of an assignment
 - Falsification - such action or words which would lead a reasonable person to conclude wrongly that the work was one's own (e.g., name forgery on an assignment completed by someone else)
 - the copying of the language, structure, ideas, and/or thoughts of another and passing off same as one's own original work. Plagiarism is an act of fraud. It is using others' ideas and words without *clearly* acknowledging the source of that information
 - Plagiarizing by **not** citing sources: copying all or part of someone else's work, blending several sources to create a cut and paste paper, and/or changing key phrases or words.
 - Plagiarizing by **omitting** complete sources: mentioning the source, but neglecting to provide a citation; giving inaccurate, incomplete, or insufficient citation information; failing to include quotes around non-original ideas.
- The Honor Code is in effect during the entire school year. Penalties will be given in the class where the violation occurs. In the current school year, the penalties will be as follows:
 - First violation: The student will receive a zero on the assignment.
 - Second violation: The student will fail the course in which the second violation occurred for the grading period. The student will receive a 63 or earned average if below a 63.
 - Three or more violations: The student will fail the course in which the third violation occurred for the semester. The student will receive a 63 or earned average if below a 63.

