

The Honor Pledge

"On my honor, as a student, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid on this academic work."

<http://www.k-state.edu/honor>

Most KSU faculty and students take the Honor Pledge seriously. Ideally students should turn in honest work and faculty should report academic dishonesty.

For faculty, the default thinking is, "They will do their own work". For students who have been practicing 'teamwork' throughout the high school experience, the default thinking is, "My buddy and I will help each other learn." If clear lines are not drawn about what is expected in *each* class, Honor Pledge violations occur.

Frequently, students generalize from one faculty member to another. One KSU study¹ suggests that even faculty members are not on the same page with what they consider allowable.

Be clear; be consistent; be aware.

¹Marcoux Dissertation (2002) –

<http://www.k-state.edu/honor/honorsystem/researchlinks/index.htm>

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Don't
break the
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Honor & Integrity System



Choice
Learning
Promise

Welcome to K-State!

"The louder he talked of his honor, the faster we counted our spoons."¹

PREVENTING Honor Pledge violations is a two-fold endeavor, involving both talking loudly about honor (education) and counting spoons (deterrence).

You, as a member of KSU's teaching faculty, are an integral part of a special effort to help promote academic integrity on our campus.

STUDIES² suggest that students listen to faculty when they express expectations about being honest in class work. Faculty members who take time to dialogue about plagiarism and cheating help students take the Honor Pledge seriously.

Honor & Integrity Motto

"Education, Consultation, Mediation, Adjudication--We Do It All With Student Development in Mind"

¹Ralph Waldo Emerson, "The Conduct of Life," 1860, in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, eds. John Bartlett and Justin Kaplan, 16th Ed, (Boston: Little, Brown, and Co.) 1992.

²Pascarelli & Terranzini, "How College Affects Students, 1991.

Some steps in promoting academic integrity

with your students:

Educate students on proper standards of academic behavior, such as how to cite sources or take an "on-line" quiz. Help them become aware of integrity as it relates to the profession or discipline in which you teach.

Write a syllabus statement about K-State's Honor & Integrity System. A model is available on the web site.

Talk to students about what you consider "authorized" and "unauthorized" collaboration on assignments for YOUR class. Let them know that other instructors may/may not have the same policies.

Willingly report violations of the Honor Pledge, using Option 1 or 2 found on the Violation Report.

<http://www.k-state.edu/honor/faculty/index.htm>

Quiz students on Honor & Integrity System procedures.

Meeting & Appointment Information

We want faculty at K-State to be familiar with Honor & Integrity System expectations/procedures.

Please call/e-mail* us to set up a brief 15-minute appointment in YOUR office. We want to meet you and let you know how we can be of service to you.

*Contact information can be found on the back of the pamphlet.

Examples of Academic Dishonesty:

Plagiarism: Plagiarism covers **UNPUBLISHED** as well as published sources. In a paper or assignment, if you include material that you researched in a book, magazine, newspaper, and/or on the Web, you **MUST** cite the source. Even **HANDING IN THE SAME PAPER IN MORE THAN ONE CLASS** can be considered plagiarism.

Falsification: Submission in a paper, thesis, lab report, or other academic exercise of falsified, invented, or fictitious data or evidence, or deliberate or knowing concealment or distortion of the true nature, origin, or function of such data or information.

Unauthorized Collaboration: Having another person supply questions or answers from an examination to be given or in progress; giving or receiving unauthorized aid on a **TAKE-HOME** examination; collaborating with others on projects where such collaboration is expressly forbidden, the default at K-State is to do one's own work.

Unauthorized Aid: Consultation of textbooks, library materials, or notes in examinations where such materials are not to be used during the test; consultation of cell phone text messages, PDAs, programmable calculators; signing in another student's name on attendance sheets, rosters, or Scantrons.

This list of behaviors is not inclusive of all possible violations. **When in doubt** about the Honor Pledge, call or e-mail the Honor System office or visit our Web site.*

Examples of sanctions:

- Warning
- Reduced grade on assignment/paper
- Reduced grade on quiz/exam
- Zero on assignment/paper/quiz/exam
- Cap on course grade
- Development & Integrity Course (used alone or with any other sanction)

More detail on Academic Dishonesty & Sanctions can be found at <http://www.k-state.edu/honor>