

## APEX Honor Code

The Advanced Placement Experience Scholars Academy (APEX) at Olympia High School offers a rigorous, comprehensive curriculum to a select group of academically talented and gifted students. The teachers, counselors and administrators are dedicated to ensuring excellence in this program. Students and parents are expected to hold the program in the same regard. Scholarship, honor, and integrity are necessary characteristics for students to maintain their status as an active member of the APEX program.

The APEX Advisory Board, consisting of 2 teachers (1 APEX, & 1 Non-APEX), 1 guidance counselor, and 1 supervising administrator (Assistant Principal in charge of the APEX Academy) will convene when situations occur that may require disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from the APEX program.

The following situations will result in an APEX status review by the Advisory Board. However, other situations may occur resulting in immediate review.

- Failure to maintain the required un-weighted GPA (3.0 annually)
  - The Advisory Board may review students at any time due to poor academic performance.
- Issuance of an administrative discipline referral or the second teacher detention.
- Violations of academic integrity-incidents of cheating, tendering of information, or plagiarism, including but not exclusive to homework, writing assignments, tests, and quizzes. These violations are grounds for dismissal and require an appearance before the Advisory Board.

### Violations of Academic Integrity Defined\*

*Cheating* includes the improper taking or tendering of any information or material which shall be used to determine academic credit. Taking of information includes, but is not limited to, copying homework assignments from another student; working together with another individual(s) on a take-home test or homework when not specifically permitted by the teacher; looking, attempting to look at, or copying another student's paper during an examination; or looking or attempting to look at text or notes during an examination when not permitted.

The *tendering of information* includes, but is not limited to, giving of your work to another student to be used or copied; giving someone answers to exam questions either when the exam is being given or after taking an exam; giving or selling a term paper, project, or other written materials to another student; sharing information on an assignment.

*Plagiarism* includes representing the work of another as the product of one's own thought, whether the work is published or unpublished, or simply the work of a fellow student. Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to, quoting oral or written materials without citation on an exam, term paper, homework, project, other written materials, or oral presentations for an academic requirement; submitting a paper which was purchased from a term paper service as your own work; or submitting anyone else's paper as your own work.

\*Adopted from the University of Florida Student Honor Code.

I understand and agree to abide by the criteria set forth in the Honor Code to maintain status as an active member of the APEX program.

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Signature of Student

Date

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

## **APEX Honor Code**

Detach this page from the Honor Code and give to your APEX English teacher to have on record. This sheet must be signed by both you and your parents. Failure to do so may result in a review by the APEX Advisory Board.

I have received a copy of the APEX Honor Code.

I understand and agree to abide by the criteria set forth in the Honor Code to maintain status as an active member of the APEX program.

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Signature of Student

Date

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date