



ST. THOMAS MORE
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Academic Integrity Code

As a student of St. Thomas More Catholic High School, I understand that I should strive to be a “seeker of truth, individual of character, and God’s servant first.” I recognize that the proper formation of my character is dependent on my virtuous activities every day. By my signature on this Academic Integrity Code, I agree to maintain academic integrity in every aspect of my work. Violations of this academic integrity code include, but are not limited to, the following:

- checking out of/into school to avoid taking a test or turning in an assignment
- relaying, by any means, (giving or receiving) questions or answers from a test or quiz
- copying, faxing, duplicating, or transmitting by any means, any assignments that will be turned in as original work, including homework, unless it was given as a collaborative assignment
- using programmed materials in watches, calculators, cell phones, other electronic devices, or computers when prohibited
- unauthorized possession or attempted possession of materials designated for teacher use
- writing formulas, codes, or keywords on one’s person or on objects/in cell phones for use on a test
- not following additional specific guidelines on cheating as established by a department, class or teacher
- plagiarism which includes, but is not limited to, submitting material without citing the author/artist and/or source.

I understand that violation of the STM Academic Integrity Code will result in disciplinary action including, but not limited to, academic penalties, suspension, and removal from the honors program, removal from co-curricular and athletic activities, and possible withdrawal or expulsion. This code covers all school-related tests, quizzes, reports, class assignments, and projects, both in and out of class.

Students found to be in violation of the St. Thomas More Integrity Code will be subject to the consequences listed below. Each instance of academic dishonesty will receive:

- a written referral to both the Dean of Students and the Director of Academics
- a zero on the assignment
- an automatic grade of “C” in conduct or a conduct grade deduction if the student already has a “C” in conduct
- ineligibility for honor roll for the grading period concerned and ineligibility for end-of-year honor roll
- parent notification by the teacher by phone call and/or written form.

In addition to the above penalties, the second offense will result in a review by the administration and one or more of the following:

- detention
- an in-school suspension or out-of-school suspension
- dismissal from student offices, athletics, honor societies, and extra-curricular activities