

NJHS Code of Ethics

I, _____, as a leader in my school community, recognize that I am a role model. I will use my role as a leader to help promote our school's core values: *respect for self and others*, *responsibility*, and *integrity*.

I pledge to show *Respect for Self and Others*. I recognize that all people have innate worth, and my actions uphold that dignity; I treat myself and others with kindness, compassion, and dignity.

I will:

- Identify my gifts and talents and use them as best as I am able.
- Rely on others, especially when problems get too big for me.
- Act with courtesy and kindness.
- Defend those who are being bullied or harassed or whose reputation is being damaged.
- Go out of my way to be nice to those who are new and/or are "outsiders" in our school community.
- Dress and conduct myself in a way that shows I respect my own dignity and worth.

I will not:

- Take part in behaviors that harm my body, like drinking, smoking, and using drugs.
- Be rude or use inappropriate language.
- Judge others based on their race, gender, religion, etc.
- Gossip.
- Bully.
- Make mean or hurtful comments about others.

I pledge to demonstrate *Responsibility*. I am conscientious and dependable; I fulfill my obligations and even exceed expectations.

I will:

- Meet deadlines.
- Do my own work and do it as well as I can.
- Continue to try, even when something is challenging.

- Seek help when I need it.
- Give others the chance to learn and grow.
- Organize projects to help my community.
- Participate in long-term service to assist those in need.

I will not:

- Go late to meetings and/or turn in assignments late.
- Give up when an assignment gets hard.
- Take on more than I can handle because I don't know my limits.
- Try to do everything by myself.
- Settle for the bare minimum and only do what I "have to."

I pledge to act with *Integrity*. I live in a way that is consistent with my values, so others can trust me.

I will:

- Be honest about my beliefs and who I am so others can see the "real me."
- Do my own work and refuse to help others cheat.
- Say "no" to peers' pressure to do things I don't believe in (like drinking or using drugs).

I will not:

- Violate my values and beliefs so others will like me.
- Lie or misrepresent the truth.
- Steal (including burning CDs or downloading music illegally).
- Cheat, including copying or allowing others to copy my homework; disclosing test contents to later classes; and plagiarism.
- Pretend to be someone I'm not.

_____ Date: _____