

# **Belton High School**

## **Advanced Academic Honor Code**

The Belton High School Parent and Student handbook contains a policy for academic dishonesty. This Advanced Academic Honor Code (AAHC) provides additional standards and procedures for students electing to enroll in advanced academic courses.

### **PURPOSE**

An environment that celebrates academic honesty is essential to the success of any advanced academic program. The intention of the Advanced Academic Honor Code is to reduce the level of unhealthy competition in the school by encouraging ethical behavior. It is the responsibility of every student, instructor, administrator, and parent associated with Belton High School to ensure that academic honesty is promoted and maintained throughout all aspects of the school's advanced academic programs. The following standards and procedures of the AAHC shall apply to all AP courses offered at Belton High School.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

As a matter of personal integrity, it is ultimately the responsibility of the student to ensure that the highest level of academic honesty is maintained at all times. It is the responsibility of the school and the instructors to provide an environment that promotes academic integrity. When the environment is maintained, the school is then able to verify the academic integrity of its students and the legitimacy of its advanced academic programs.

### **VIOLATION OF HONOR CODE**

Enrollment in AP courses at Belton High School requires adherence to the standards stated in the Advanced Academic Honor Code. Standards include the expectation that no student will engage in the following unacceptable behaviors as defined by the instructor and Belton High School.

- Cheating
- Plagiarism
- Fabrication of facts in assignments
- Aiding dishonesty by other students
- Falsification of records and official documents
- Unauthorized access to academic or administrative records or systems

## **PROCEDURES**

Instructors in AP courses will provide all students in those courses a written copy of the Advanced Academic Honor Code. Students must acknowledge receipt and acceptance of the standards and procedures of the Advanced Academic Honor Code by signing and returning the AAHC Agreement form.

The following procedures will be followed in response to suspected student violations of the AAHC:

1. The instructor will report the incident to the BHS Honor Board which is composed of the Belton High School curriculum facilitators. When the instructor reports the incident to the Honor Board, the instructor will provide the Honor Board a copy of the student's AAHC Agreement. The instructor will also inform the student's parent or guardian of the alleged violation.
2. The Honor Board will investigate the alleged violation and inform the reporting teacher, student, student's parent or guardian, and student's principal of its findings.

## **CONSEQUENCES**

The following consequences will be implemented for students who have violated the AAHC standards:

1. For a first violation, the student will receive a zero on the assignment in question, may be subject to disciplinary penalties in accordance with the Belton High School student handbook, and be placed on academic probation for violation of the Advanced Academic Honor Code.
2. The student will sign a probationary contract and will remain on academic probation for a full calendar year from the date of the infraction.
3. The student will write a 400-word personal response focusing on the importance of ethics and character. The student's personal response must be submitted to the BHS Honor Board within four school days of that student's placement on academic probation.
4. A violation by a student already on academic probation due to a previous violation will result in removal of the student from the AP course in which the second violation occurred. The student's academic probation will continue for one year from the date of the second violation. The student will also receive a zero on the assignment on which the second violation occurred and may be subject to disciplinary penalties in accordance with the Belton High School student handbook.

## **APPEALS PROCESS**

Decisions of the BHS Honor Board may be appealed through the district's grievance process found in board policy FNG(Local).



## **Belton High School ADVANCED ACADEMIC HONOR CODE AGREEMENT**

**I agree to follow the BHS Advanced Academic Honor Code as described and will report any suspected or known violations to the principal, counselor, or instructor.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**I have read and am aware of the BHS Advanced Academic Honor Code in all AP courses at Belton High School to which my child is expected to adhere.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address