

# SOUTH PASADENA HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

## I. CODE OF CONDUCT

As long as I am a SPHS student, I will familiarize myself with the Tiger Guide. I will abide by all SPHS behavioral policies, as well as expectations established by any individual teacher in addition to the Class Conduct Standards stated in the Tiger Guide. My violation of this Code of Conduct will result in consequences as cited in the Tiger Guide.

## II. CODE OF ETHICS

Whereas the Code of Ethics cited below is a companion to our school's "vision" and is largely a collection of internal values that contribute to an orderly, respectful, civil campus, I understand that, as long as I am an SPHS student, I also need to abide by these expectations. This Code of Ethics helps establish a community of learners.

### **Academic Excellence – I will:**

- Be an active participant in my own education.
- Challenge myself to achieve my maximum potential.

### **Accountability for My Actions – I will:**

- Stop and think about the consequences of my actions.
- Accept the consequences of my actions.

### **Respect for All – I will:**

- Respect the cultural diversity of our community.
- Respect the rights of individuals.
- Respect the property of others (i.e. Refrain from using others' property without permission, vandalism, theft, loss or destruction of others' property).\*
- Demonstrate behavior that shows respect for myself and others (i.e. refrain from using racial or gender slurs, demeaning others in any other manner or using profanity).\*

### **Honesty – I will:**

- Be truthful.
- Not cheat or commit plagiarism using any sources including the Internet.\*

### **Good Citizenship – I will:**

- Learn what responsibilities I have to the school community, the community at large and American society.
- Not commit illegal acts as described in the California Education Code (Ed. Code) and in the *Tiger Guide*.\*

*\*The items above marked with an asterisk also carry consequences for violations as listed in the Tiger Guide.*

### III. CODE OF ACCOUNTABILITY

I understand that SPHS expects honest academic effort from all students. The consequences listed below apply to any type of cheating, plagiarism, and other academic dishonesty in which I am involved while a student at SPHS. If my violation is severe, as will be explained in class, consequences may be imposed out of sequence.

#### **First Offense:**

- My teacher notifies my parent/guardian, counselor and Assistant Principal.
- I will fail the assignment.
- My teacher will assign me a U in citizenship in that class.
- My infraction will be recorded in my school discipline record.

#### **Second Offense:**

- I will fail the assignment.
- This offense will be noted in my discipline record as a repeat offense.
- My teacher may assign me a U in citizenship in that class.
- All of my teachers will be notified.
- I will be assigned two days of Saturday School for defiance of authority.
- I will not have the right to get makeup work.
- I will attend a conference with my teacher, parent/guardian, counselor & AP.

#### **Third Offense:**

- I will fail the assignment.
- This offense will be noted in my discipline record as a third offense.
- A U will be assigned in the class involved.
- All teachers will be notified again.
- I will be Assigned three days of Saturday School or a suspension for continued willful disobedience.
- I will not have the right to get makeup work.
- Also, if a senior, I will be prohibited from participation in baccalaureate and graduation.

**Contingency Consequences: Depending on the severity of the infraction, the following may be imposed in addition to, or in place of the consequences listed above.**

- Letters of recommendation in my behalf may be revoked.
- Five days of school suspension, with no makeup work, may be imposed.
- I may be dropped without credit from the class in which the cheating occurred.
- I may be recommended for expulsion from our school district.
- If a senior, I will be prohibited from participating in baccalaureate and/or graduation.
- I will be excluded from consideration for scholarships, awards, or other honors.