

AP Cybersecurity Code of Honor

Complete this form and return it to your teacher by the end of the first week of school. Failure to return this form will prevent the student from participating in class activities involving security tools and techniques.

This course will teach real offensive and defensive cybersecurity techniques, including some of the same tools and methods used by professional penetration testers and, unfortunately, by criminals. That knowledge is powerful, and with it comes responsibility. By signing below, the student agrees to use everything learned in this course only on systems, networks, accounts, and data they own or have been explicitly authorized in writing to test, and never to use these skills to access, disrupt, damage, or spy on any system, account, or device belonging to another person, the school, or any organization without that authorization. This includes, but is not limited to, refraining from unauthorized network scanning, password cracking, malware creation or deployment, social engineering, or data interception directed at real people or real systems outside of a sanctioned classroom or lab exercise.

The student further agrees to abide by the Kent City School District's Acceptable Use Policy for technology at all times, and to comply with all applicable state and federal laws governing computer use, privacy, and data security, including but not limited to the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, the Ohio Revised Code provisions on unauthorized computer access, and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The student understands that any activity that would be illegal outside the classroom is also prohibited inside it, that classroom and lab exercises are confined to isolated or instructor-approved environments for this reason, and that violations may result in disciplinary action under school policy in addition to any civil or criminal liability under the law.

Finally, the student agrees to treat the privacy of others as they would want their own treated: to handle any data, credentials, or vulnerabilities encountered – even accidentally – with discretion, to report security weaknesses through appropriate and lawful channels rather than exploit them, and to consider the ethical impact of their actions before taking them. The parent or guardian, by co-signing, acknowledges the nature of this coursework and supports the student in using these skills responsibly, ethically, and lawfully both during and after this course. Failure to abide by the AP Cybersecurity Code of Honor may result in removal from the class, disciplinary action, and/or criminal prosecution.

Student Signature

Student Name (print)

Date

Parent or Guardian Signature

Parent or Guardian Name (print)

Date

This form will be scanned and then returned to the student; the scan will be kept on file until the end of the school year. Thank you for your support!