



# West Morris Regional High School District

## Honor Code



### Why Academic Integrity Matters

West Morris Regional is a community that fosters inquiring, knowledgeable thinkers; principled, open-minded communicators; and balanced, caring, and reflective risk-takers who come together to acquire, advance, and share knowledge.

Building trust is paramount. Students need confidence their work is valued by teachers who uphold academic integrity. Likewise, teachers and peers need to trust students' work is authentic. When someone uses another individual's work without permission or acknowledgment (including work generated by AI), it undermines learning and breaks that trust. Owning your academic work is as crucial as owning your possessions.

As learners in an IB World School, we strive to be **principled**. We act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness and justice, and with respect for the dignity and rights of people everywhere. We take responsibility for our actions and their consequences.

### What is Academic Integrity?

Academic integrity is an ethical choice that students must make. It is a commitment to honesty, trust, fairness, respect, responsibility, and courage. It means:

- **Doing your own work:** This means completing assignments, tests, and projects on your own, without copying from others or using generative AI tools without permission.
- **Giving credit where credit is due:** This means properly citing information you use from other sources, including those created by generative AI.
- **Not lying or cheating:** This includes things like looking at someone else's test, making up data for a project, or using technology irresponsibly.

### A Collective Commitment

Upholding these principles is a shared commitment at West Morris Regional. Every member strengthens our academic integrity through their choices. When navigating the honor code, remember teachers are here to help. We prioritize your success and offer ongoing guidance and resources. Seeking help is a sign of strength, not weakness. We're here for you, every step of the way.

### The West Morris Regional Pledge:

As a West Morris Regional student, **acting as a principled learner**, I pledge to:

- Be honest and fair in my academic work.
- Complete assignments on my own.
- Ask clarifying questions prior to the submission of work when unsure about academic integrity.
- Give credit to my sources, including generative AI.
- Use technology responsibly to support my learning.
- Stand up for academic integrity and report any violation of which I am aware.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_