



## 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 Chapter's core values: Responsibility and Integrity.

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 including drinking, smoking, and/or using any illegal drugs.
- Be rude or use inappropriate language.
- Judge others based upon their race, gender, religion, etc.
- Gossip, bully, or make hurtful comments about others.

I pledge to demonstrate *Responsibility*. I am conscientious and dependable, and will fulfill my obligations and even exceed expectations as I:

- Meet deadlines.
- Do my own work and do it to the best of my abilities.
- Persevere through challenging situations.
- Seek help when it is required.
- Give others the chance to learn and grow.
- Organize projects to help my community.

I will not:

- Arrive late to meetings and/or turn in assignments late.
- Give up when assignments become challenging.
- Take on more than I can handle; I must know my own limits.
- Try to do everything by myself.
- Settle for the bare minimum and only do what I "have to do."

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

I will:

- Be honest about my beliefs and who I am so others may know the "real me."
- Do my own work and refuse to help others cheat.
- Say "no" to peer pressure.

I will not:

- Violate my values and beliefs so others will like me.
- Lie or misrepresent the truth.
- Steal (including burning CD's or downloading music illegally).
- Cheat, including copying or allowing others to copy my homework; disclose test content to later classes, and/or polarize.
- Pretend to be someone that I am not.

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