

5.1 STUDENT HONOR CODE

Because all students and parents/guardians have elected to enroll in Vanguard Academy, we are confident that all students will not only accept their rights as members of our school community, but also their responsibilities to other members of that community. Students benefit from a learning environment that is physically safe, emotionally nurturing, and free from disruption and harassment. In order to achieve an optimal learning environment, students shall conduct themselves in a reasonable and age-appropriate manner that contributes to a productive atmosphere for themselves and their classmates. Students are expected to be attentive, cooperative, and industrious while in the classroom. Vanguard Academy exists to provide an educational environment consistent with the Vanguard Values established in this Code of Conduct. Administration, faculty, staff, and students voluntarily commit to conducting their lives in accordance with this Code of Conduct and to maintaining the highest standards in their personal conduct regarding honor, integrity, morality, and consideration of others. Vanguard students understand that their actions follow them, and they represent Vanguard Academy in all they do and say on and off campus.

Vanguard teaches values and concepts that encourage students to act in a positive manner. As students learn and focus on positive behaviors which make them happy, healthy, and responsible, the school's climate takes on those same characteristics.

The Vanguard Honor Code contract is as follows:

- I will be honest
- I will live a chaste and virtuous life, including abstaining from any sexual relations outside a marriage
- I respect others, including the avoidance of profane and vulgar language
- I will use language and communication that is positive and promotes the school's mission
- I will obey the law and follow school policies and procedures
- I will abstain from alcoholic beverages, tobacco, caffeinated tea, coffee, vaping, and substance abuse
- I will use technology appropriately and not access porn or sexually explicit material.
- I will observe the Vanguard Academy dress code
- I will encourage others in the school to comply with the Vanguard Code of Conduct
- I will attend classes regularly and arrive on-time with all necessary materials
- I will follow assigned schedule and remain in class during each scheduled session
- My interaction will be friendly and helpful, without horseplay or other physical demonstrations that are inappropriate. As Stated in the Public Displays of Affection Policy (PDA), inappropriate public displays of affection are not allowed.
- I will ensure that all school property and/or equipment is used appropriately in such a way that it is preserved and protected.
- I will demonstrate good sportsmanship in all competitive events and conduct myself according to the rules of fair play both as a spectator and participant. While healthy competition is encouraged when appropriate, cheating or rude and disruptive conduct is not acceptable.
- I will show respect to our country's flag and ensure that it is appropriately displayed at the school in keeping with customary and accepted practices. Discourteous treatment of the flag or other national symbols is not appropriate.

- I will support the daily school routine which will include the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by students and teachers.
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- I will be honest in my classes. Cheating of any kind is not acceptable and will be addressed in accordance with the Discipline Policy
- I will use these nine values as my guide in living with moral and ethical excellence:

Contribution: Discovering of your passions and talents, and the use of them to create what is beautiful and needed. Working hard to take care of yourself and those who depend on you.

Courage: Standing firm in being a person of character and doing what is right, even when it is unpopular or puts you at risk.

Humility: Remembering that your ignorance is far greater than your knowledge. Giving praise to those who earn it.

Integrity: Telling the truth, and keep your promises. Conducting yourself in a trustworthy manner.

Justice: Standing for equally applied rules and obeying them.

Perseverance: Staying the course, choosing the right path even if it's not the easy one.

Respect: Protecting your heart, mind, body, and soul as precious aspects of your identity. Extending that protection to every other person you encounter.

Responsibility: Striving to know and do what is best, not necessarily what is popular. Being trustworthy and making decisions in the best long-term interests of the people and tasks of which one is in charge.

Self-Governance: Being self-controlled, avoiding extremes. Seeking and utilizing sound advice from trusted individuals regarding your decisions and actions.

Virtue: Voluntary obedience to truth acting in conformity to moral duties.

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Parent and Student Handbook

Students and parents must read and sign this contract indicating their understanding and acceptance of the Vanguard Honor Code as it applies on and off campus. Violation of the Honor Code will result in be reviewed using the School-wide Discipline policy and the Honor Code Investigation Review Process. Vanguard may be legally required to report violations of harassment or aggression.

Student Signature	Printed Name	Date
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Parent Signature	Printed Name	Date
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