



North Carolina Governor's School HONOR CODE

All NC Governor's School students are privileged recipients of the benefits of a program supported and administered by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) and thereby represent North Carolina's public schools. State leaders, NCDPI, and the nominating schools expect Governor's School students to act maturely and to behave responsibly. The Governor's School Board of Governors has established a code of conduct that governs the school's communal life. The Site Director, faculty, teaching assistants/counselors and staff direct and support students in living within this code.

Throughout the history of the NC Governor's School, the *Honor Code* has proven vital to this community's maintaining its focus on essential matters. Individual students are responsible for the choices they make while in residence. Any *Honor Code* violation will be thoroughly but quickly reviewed by the Site Director and the Coordinator, and if warranted by the NCDPI Director. Consequences will be determined on a case-by-case basis and can include prompt student dismissal from the Governor's School with the violation reported to the student's school/school system (Superintendent, Principal, and School Counselor). Due to the brevity of the session, dismissals are final decisions.

The *Student Handbook* contains other Governor's School academic and residential expectations, for both the program and the host campus. The Director may also dismiss or put students on probation for serious or repeated violations of these expectations including, but not limited to, the established principle that students will attend all assigned classes, and required events (concerts, performances, assemblies, etc.).

To signify your agreement and promise to live within this Honor Code, both you and your parent/guardian must sign and submit the Honor Code with the Registration Form.

You become a Governor's School student bound by its code of honor when you arrive on campus and register.

1. I will maintain the integrity of the Governor's School community and not violate the host school's policies or state or federal laws including, but not limited to, possession or use of a weapon, theft, shoplifting, vandalism, and willful or negligent destruction of property.
2. I will not possess or use tobacco (including e-cigarettes), alcohol, illegal drugs, controlled substances, or drug paraphernalia.
3. I will refrain from verbal and/or nonverbal behavior that can be reasonably interpreted as threatening, abusive or intimidating to others.
4. I will refrain from inappropriate sexual conduct including, but not limited to, unseemly public displays of affection. I understand that aside from the approved parlors, students and visitors are strictly forbidden from entering residence halls reserved for students of another gender.
5. I understand that I may not have a motor vehicle on campus. I will only ride in a motor vehicle that is driven by Governor's School staff on school business or by parents/guardians during the specified

hours. Parents/families will only be allowed on campus during times established by the Site Director.

6. I will abide by the established curfews and boundary lines. I will only leave campus to participate in school functions or to walk within the boundaries drawn by the school during the approved hours. I understand that even when I am not on campus, I am still bound by the rules of this *Honor Code*.

I have read and I understand the *Honor Code*, and I agree to abide by it and other expectations as noted in the *Student Handbook* and in other communications by Governor's School administration, faculty, and staff.

Print Student Name

Student Signature

I understand my child has agreed to abide by the *Honor Code* and I will encourage my child to follow it and the expectations noted above.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date