Panther Honor Code

As students at one of the top high schools in the nation, Peninsula Panthers exemplify the highest levels of respect, honor, and pride in the classrooms, in the athletic arenas, and in all aspects that define a Peninsula Panther.

Honor Code:
A Peninsula High School education is not solely about GPAs and college applications. It includes the responsibility to perform with honesty and integrity, essential attributes that remain as critical character traits long after graduation. Adhering to these ideals fosters an environment centered around trust and respect, and serves to further distinguish Peninsula students and this institution.

The Honor Code encourages students to act with maximum respect for themselves and others. A Panther demonstrating honorable behavior, among other things, will:

- Strive to perform to the best of his/her ability
- Do the right thing in accord with the highest principles (even when no one is watching)
- Meet all deadlines and come to class prepared
- Present honest and accurate reflections of his or herself (including what is said or done, or put in ink or cyberspace)
- Follow proper channels if he/she has a concern
- Be graceful in defeat whether it be losing an athletic contest, receiving a disappointing grade, or not being selected for a coveted position
- Accept responsibility for his/her actions and their respective consequences as valuable life lessons

Panther Pride will inspire students to be honor-bound and to refrain from questionable behavior of any kind including, but not limited to, the following:

- Bullying or harassment (including cyber bullying)
- Cheating, forgery or plagiarism
- Tardiness or truancy
- Period absences on days when tests are being given or projects are due (unless prearranged with teacher)
- Vacations scheduled on school days

Students should remember that they belong to a caring school community so that if issues arise they should seek help, ideally before an honor code violation occurs. Teachers also understand that no one is perfect. While breaking the honor code may result in disciplinary action, it is more important to the faculty that students learn from their mistakes and grow.