

## Crossroads Christian Academy Portrait of a CCA Graduate & Honor Code

The Honor Code and Student Code of Conduct are the foundations of the discipline system used at Crossroads Christian Academy. A positive Christian learning environment begins with a basic commitment by each student to personal integrity, refusal to condone dishonorable behavior, and support of appropriate consequences for those who violate the Code of Honor.

Because CCA is unashamedly a Christian Educational Academy, the following Honor Code and Student Code of conduct has been written with basic Christian principles included and applies to all students enrolled in Crossroads Christian Academy. At the heart of the code is a desire to honor the Lord Jesus Christ, protect the reputation of the school, and to provide a godly framework for the students to live by the rest of their lives.

The Honor Code and Student Code of Conduct reads as follows:

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*Having a desire to honor God, my school, my family, and my friends, I willingly commit myself to a daily lifestyle that reflects honesty, integrity, trust, and respect for God, peers, authorities over me, and all property. I willingly acknowledge that this lifestyle does not condone lying, cheating, stealing, and other dishonorable acts that would bring grief and shame to God, my school, and myself. Committing myself to the Honor Code and Student Code of Conduct demonstrates my appreciation and respect for Crossroads Christian Academy, my family, my friends, and most of all, Jesus Christ.*

## **Motivation**

At the heart of the Honor Code and Student Code of Conduct is a sincere desire to provide a true Christian atmosphere for education that honors the Lord Jesus Christ. We truly believe that such an atmosphere will not only result in a love for God, but also a profound respect for the authority God has placed over us, our fellow classmates, and ourselves. Such an atmosphere will allow leadership, faculty, students, and visitors to our campus to strive to walk worthy of the high calling we have in following and knowing Christ.

## **A Christian Community**

A Christian Community is one that promotes trust, honesty, respect, and integrity. It is a community where each individual is expected to live honorably and each individual is expected to encourage his/her peers to live honorably as well. It is a community where students do not feel compelled to keep their belongings locked up, where students do not feel the pressure from their peers to lie and cheat, and where students are not ridiculed for their faith in Jesus Christ and for their commitment to live honorably.

A Christian Community is more than a commitment to follow a set of rules. It is a commitment to an honorable lifestyle that pleases the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is our hope, our desire, our prayer, that this commitment to an honorable lifestyle will far outlive a student's time here at Crossroads Christian Academy. We hope that our students will see the benefits of an honorable lifestyle and allow the basic principles of the Honor Code and Student Code of Conduct to govern all aspects of their lives as long as they live.

## **Honor Code Violations** Examples: (But not limited to)

- Not paying attention or sleeping in class
- Talking without permission in class
- Not handing in homework assignments
- Lunchroom disruption or misbehavior
- Disruptive behavior during the school day
- Being out of class without permission
- Disrespect to any adult or authority over you
- Disrespect to fellow students
- Putting your hands on another student
- Messy or disorganized work space
- Disrespect, lack of respect, destruction, or defacing of any school property
- Intentionally trying to misdirect a class to other subjects
- Gossiping

### **Lying**

Definition: Any action, appearance or statement which an individual knows, or should know, to be untrue, given with the intention to deceive.

Examples: (But not limited to)

- Making a false statement in an attempt to gain an unfair advantage.
- Giving false excuses and explanations for being absent or tardy.
- Bending the truth or pretending not to understand infraction that one is expected to know.
- Lying by omission-leaving out potential infraction in order to gain unfair advantage to protect this.
- Receiving permission from a teacher to go one place and going someplace else.
- Forgery

## **Stealing**

Definition: Taking or attempting to take property, whether physical or intellectual without right or permission. Examples: (But not limited to)

- Taking something without permission of the owner even if the intention is to return whatever is taken.
- Borrowing something without permission.
- Finding something and making little or no effort to locate the rightful owner.
- Unauthorized removal of academic materials from a classroom or teacher.

## **Cheating**

Definition: Using or attempting to use unauthorized advantage or advantage in academic work that is submitted as one's own individual efforts in the giving of such assistance to others. Examples: (But not limited to)

- Turning in work that was not done entirely by the student and giving the impression that the work was done by the student.
- Copying homework without the consent or approval of the teacher.
- Using workbooks from a previous year with answers already written in.
- Working with others on assignment which is intended to be an independent effort.
- Having textbooks visible during tests or quizzes.
- Using search engine when testing on a PC
- Giving or receiving information about a test, quiz, or other assignment prior to starting the assignment.
- Glancing at someone else's test or quiz or allowing someone to glance at your test or quiz during the administration of the test or quiz.
- Using a calculator when instructed not to use it.
- Not telling your teacher that the score on your test is added incorrectly.

## **Plagiarism**

Definition: Literary theft falsification, misrepresentation,

Examples: (But not limited to)

- Stealing someone's ideas or thoughts or to borrow dishonestly from another.
- To sign one's name to a daily assignment or major work is to declare that work totally one's own. By not clearly making the source of the information, thoughts or ideas, a student commits plagiarism.
- To copy directly, paraphrase, or summarize with premeditation is to deliberately plagiarize.
- Inadequate documentation mistakes that allow another's words, thoughts, or ideas to be credited as one's own due to improper referencing is considered plagiarism.
- Plagiarism is a serious violation of another person's rights, whether the material stolen is great or small.
- Plagiarism is prevented when the proper form of documentation is followed.
- Instead of using the proper book, you read a condensed version, watched a film or DVD, used Cliff's Notes.

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## **OTHER OFFENSES**

- Cell phone or electronic device used when prohibited
- Inappropriate communication (verbal or written)
- Physical contact between male and female students (hugging, kissing, etc.)
- Verbal or physical disrespect toward faculty, staff, students, or other adults on campus
- Accidental destruction/defacing of school property (parent responsible for cost of repair/replacement of property. Your account will be billed.)

## **ADDITIONAL HONOR CODE VIOLATIONS**

- Use of illegal drugs/Association with illegal drugs
- Misuse of prescription drugs
- Use of Alcohol
- Cursing/taking God's name in vain
- Inappropriate sexually suggestive language
- Sexual immorality of any kind
- Vandalism/entering the buildings without permission
- Use of any tobacco products
- Disrespect of God or all things Spiritual
- Possession of knives, guns, or anything else that would present a danger to staff, faculty, students or visitors to our campus
- Fighting, threatening, bullying another student
- Deliberate destruction/defacing of school property (parents responsible for cost of repair/replacement of property. Your account will be billed.)
- Leaving school grounds without parental and administrative approval

### Suspension and/or Automatic Expulsion Offenses

- Sexual immorality
- Possession of or use of tobacco, drugs, alcohol
- Having a weapon on school property
- Striking another student or staff
- Arrested by a Law Enforcement Agency and convicted of a crime

### **Expulsion**

CCA has the right to expel a student for the remainder of a quarter, a semester, or year, if the administration determines this should be the appropriate plan of action. If the presence of a student would jeopardize the safety of others or cause a disruption in the normal operations of the school, the student will be expelled. After expulsion, a student can only be re-admitted to the school on approval of the Board. Students re-admitted to the school under special circumstances will be placed on a "zero-tolerance" policy.

**PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS PAGE**

**HONOR CODE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I have read my copy of the Crossroads Christian Academy Honor Code and Student Conduct. I understand and agree to abide by all of the Honor Code and Student Conduct requirements.

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Parent Signature

Date

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Student Signature

Date