THE HONOR CODE

The Honor Code was formulated to aid each student in realizing and acting upon his/her personal responsibility as an active member of a community. The Honor Code endeavors to bring about good conduct, awareness of and respect for others, and integrity in each student. Students and parents sign an agreement to live by the following PLEDGE OF HONOR:

As a student of Incarnate Word Academy, I acknowledge my personal power for good, and I accept the responsibility to make that power felt wherever I am. I realize that what I say and what I do are important not only to myself but also to others. I must courageously and consistently do my part to establish and to maintain a climate at Incarnate Word Academy in which learning is possible and Christian living is vital. My strength strengthens the entire student body; my weakness weakens the whole. Therefore, I accept my responsibility to respect others as I respect myself, to uphold the ideals and principles of Incarnate Word Academy, and to cooperate in whatever is for the greater good of all.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Students are expected to comply with the principles of the Honor Code in academic matters. Knowingly submitting work, such as but not limited to, homework or a research paper, substantially produced by another person (including tutors) or including the ideas or words of another person including material from web sites without acknowledging the source, is plagiarism and violates the Honor Code. Demonstrating mastery of information on an academic exercise, such as a test or quiz, through deceptive practices, such as but not limited to copying from another student's paper or using "cheat sheets" or other material not authorized by the teacher is cheating and violates the Honor Code. Obtaining or distributing unauthorized information about a test to other students, allowing another student to copy work without acknowledgment, or allowing another student to copy one's paper in a testing situation is academic misconduct and violates the Honor Code.

Both parent signatures required: **Father** _____
Mother _____

I have read the general description of the Honor System and the Pledge of Honor of a student of Incarnate Word Academy. I agree to live as a student of the school under this method of discipline and will uphold it by pledging to:

1. Conduct myself at all times in a manner befitting a student of this school
2. Respect those in authority
3. Follow all rules set down by those in authority in order to maintain a harmonious environment
4. Appreciate and take advantage of the educational opportunities offered me at school
5. Have and develop a spirit of pride in and loyalty to my school
6. Be aware always of my personal responsibility to uphold the above principles, knowing that my actions reflect, not only upon myself, but upon each of my fellow students and my school as a whole.

Student signature _____ **Grade**_____

Printed name_____ **Date**_____