

Manchester Essex Debate Team 2004-2005
DEBATE HONOR CODE

In participating on the Manchester Essex Debate Team, I represent my family, my team, my school, and myself. I am also bound by the laws of my society, which I will respect and obey except for reasons of conscience in which I will make my disagreement public and stand ready to accept the consequences. I will follow all school rules as outlined in the 2004-05 Student Handbook.

In recognition of the above, I pledge on my honor to uphold the following Manchester Debate Honor Code:

1. I will keep all commitments to the team regarding participation in interscholastic debates.
2. I will maintain the ethical standards of the activity, avoiding cheating, fabrication of evidence, and misrepresentation of any kind.
3. I will not possess or consume any alcoholic beverage or illicit drug while I am participating in any debate activity (classroom, home event, or debate travel).
4. I will not condone, either implicitly or explicitly, the actions of those who do the above, and I will try, to the best of my ability, to discourage others from breaking these rules. My actions might include leaving the scene, dealing directly with it as a leader, or informing the chaperones or coach if the situation warrants it. If I am a debate team officer, I recognize that I have a special obligation in this regard.
5. I will recognize that the debate team cannot function without my trustworthy behavior and that my violation of this code will result in my being suspended from interscholastic competition in addition to any other school punishment. **I recognize that if I am suspended from school for any reason or arrested and found guilty of any crime, I will forfeit my chance to attend national debate tournaments (TOC, NCFL, or NFL) as well as any international debates.**

I freely accept this code, and I hereby affix my signature:

Debater

I support my child in his commitment to this code of conduct:

Parent