

# Eklavya Honour Code

Eklavya's idealism has often been met with raised eyebrows, hushed tones and fascination. It is funny how idealism is universally loved when treated intellectually, yet is met with astonishment when practiced. It is this philosophy, deep-rooted in the very spirit of Eklavya that not only encourages but also celebrates the values of honesty, regularity and perseverance. This honour code is both an undertaking and a willingness to affirm to all the attributes that Eklavya, with an uncompromising assiduity, has continued to ingrain within its students.

## Life Honour Code

The Life sub-section of the Honour Code is a set of ethical principles that are based on ideals which define moral behaviour for students of Eklavya. It encourages students to uphold and follow the listed virtues. It is designed to create a culture of trust and integrity. Hence, it plays a significant role in shaping the character of the students by serving as a guide for them to act honourably.

Honesty is the virtue of being authentic and sincere, free of deceit and faithful to the truth. I shall be true to myself. I shall be honest at heart and in action.

Greed is the innate need to have more. So, I shall be greedy for excellence and strive to become a better version of myself. Yet, I shall inhibit my greed if it is detrimental to myself or others.

Perseverance is the persistent effort to pursue one's goal despite facing opposition, discouragement and difficulties. It is the tenacity, resilience and dedication required to not just begin something, but to complete and accomplish an objective. I shall consistently fulfil all my responsibilities with utmost determination and never leave a task incomplete.

Self-discipline is the correction or regulation of oneself not under external obligation but for the sake of self-improvement. So, I shall execute complete control over myself, for a leader who does not have control over oneself is not fit to lead.

Patience is the ability to endure provocation, annoyance, anger and pain without loss of temper. I shall handle all predicaments with poise and establish my ideas respectfully.

Modesty is the quality of being humble through purity and humility in thoughts, actions and appearance. I shall not be boastful about my actions or merits.

मैं स्थिरता से उचित-अनुचित का विवेकबुद्धि से विचार करते हुए समस्या का हल निकालूँगी।

I shall understand and accept the duality of this world; I shall try to discern right from wrong. Upon encountering something that is wrong, I shall not be influenced by it, but rather condemn it whilst trying to correct the wrong.

Compassion is the humane quality which enables conscious consideration of another's state of being or situation. Hence, I shall be observant and compassionate towards others. I shall treat others the way I would like to be treated.

Forgiveness is an intentional decision to let go of resentment, vengeance or anger. I shall be kind enough to forgive those who have wronged me and not let others' deeds hinder my peace.

मैं इन गुणों को अपनाकर, इनके आधार पर अपना जीवन साकार करँगी, और अपने देश व स्कूल का नाम रौशन करँगी ।

I shall enter to learn and go forth to serve

#### **Academic Integrity Honour Code**

The academic integrity sub-section of the Honour Code highlights the academically centred virtues that all students of Eklavya strive to uphold. Built on three fundamental principles, Eklavya ensures that the values of स्वयंदर्शनम्, स्वयंज्योतिः and स्वयंमार्गकरणम् are instilled not only in our life but also in our academic endeavours. At Eklavya, we believe that academic integrity is a reflection of one's character and disposition. Keeping this in mind, all students must attest to the following:

## स्वयंदर्शनम् - Discover yourself

The essence of discovering yourself primarily lies in the environment you are surrounded by. Thus, as a student of Eklavya, I commit to creating an environment that contributes to both peer and personal growth. An environment that encourages and motivates my fellow classmates to ask questions without hesitation or fear of judgement and one that promotes positive growth with constructive feedback and wholehearted support. I shall strive to create an atmosphere that nurtures a culture of respect towards teachers and students without compromising the scope of rational debate. I shall help ensure active participation in classrooms by being both physically and mentally present in classes and continuing to engage myself in meaningful discussions. Lastly, I shall help foster holistic learning instead of favouring a particular subject or topic.

#### स्वयंज्योतिः - Be your own light

To be your own light is to guide yourself through challenges and emerge triumphant. The key to this is consistency and uniformity in everyday tasks. As a student of Eklavya, I believe that it is my responsibility to meet all my deadlines and deliver work to the best of my abilities. I shall strive to maintain regular attendance and formulate an effective schedule that helps me balance schoolwork, extracurricular activities and personal commitments. I shall prioritise my academic responsibilities by preparing in advance and familiarising myself with various topics before each class. Lastly, I will emphasise the quality of self-reliance by confronting challenges directly, but will not be hesitant to seek help from my peers and teachers as required.

## स्वयंमार्गकरणम् - Make your own path

The path that we establish for ourselves is the most rewarding and meaningful one. In order to do this we must consciously make our own decisions and pursue goals that align with our values and aspirations. We must not conform to external influences but be innovative in our approach to life. As a student of Eklavya, my work shall always be a product of my own creativity, imagination and expression. When presenting any information, it is my duty to cite all references and give due credit wherever needed. If I need to borrow any academic work or references from a peer, I shall ensure that my own work is not a word for word copy but a reflection of my own understanding. I shall not claim someone else's work as my own, nor falsify data to get the desired results. I pledge that I will never use unfair means to gain advantage during examinations or assignments, nor will I assist other students in doing so. Lastly, I shall hold myself to the highest standards and set goals that are achievable yet challenging.

I confirm that, as a student of Eklavya, I not only agree to but also believe in the virtues specified, and with unwavering integrity pledge allegiance to the Honour Code.

[Drafted by the batch of Class 12 - academic year 2023-24. Eight students volunteered for the framing of the Honour Code. They divided themselves into two groups of four each. One worked on drafting the Academic Honour Code and the other the Life Honour Code. They involved all the other students of their class by inviting them to give inputs and comments on the drafting. So in a way, all 36 students of Class 12 have contributed to the making of this Code.]