

ETHICS CAFÉ

An Ethics Café is a project idea to host informal lunch meetings where students lead a discussion of a prepared topic regarding academic integrity issues found inside or outside the classroom. Students and teachers are recruited to attend these discussions and bring their own lunches.

The following outline is designed to support a planning committee to successfully host an Ethics Café.

Topics	Tasks	Who Is Responsible	Time to Complete
Define objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To develop student and teacher awareness and commitment in support of academic integrity To keep the topic of academic integrity relevant and current within the school community To advance the idea that integrity is important to the individual student, teacher, and the school community To engage student and teacher thinking and dialogue about integrity issues To highlight academic integrity as more than a rule/compliance issue—that it is an ethical/moral issue To recruit additional AIC members 		
Logistical questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What space/room can you use that is close to the school lunchroom? Who needs to grant permission for the event and for the use of space? Does the space need to be reserved? Does the space have sufficient seating/tables? Will you supply any food or drinks as incentive to attend? Do you want to solicit a sponsor for any incentives (food/drink/door prize)? What dates will you be able to host your Ethics Café? Who will be moderating the discussion? A student, teacher, integrity committee member, or other student leader? (A student moderator is recommended.) What moderating skills are necessary to host the event? Who will clean up? Who will send thank-you notes (if you have a guest, if someone donates food, etc.)? 		
Preparing/creating a discussion topic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do you want to discuss? (Create a list of topics that interest students to host one event per month.) Are there guest speakers relevant to the topics who might attract students to attend? Are there opportunities to include a variety of media (movie clips, music, video, websites, and drama) to introduce the topic? 		

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Advertising	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How will you advertise the event (posters, announcements, e-mails, website, social networks, etc.)?• Who will make and put up posters (or send e-mails or update the website) to advertise the event?• Where can posters be placed? Who needs to approve poster placement?• Who will script and have announcements made about the event?• Are there other student groups, such as NHS or the student council, that will collaborate?		
Implementing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Who will script the introduction, moderation points, and closure of the event?• What points do you want included in the discussion?<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Are you explicitly linking any points to include academic integrity as a student responsibility for the true success of the school?• Are you explicitly linking any points to include academic integrity as an ethical/moral issue?• Will you recruit students to join the AIC?• What norms/rules do you want for the event?		
Anticipating problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What if no one comes?• What if the discussion isn't going anywhere?• What if participants get rude?		
Reflection/evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Design and provide some feedback form to all event participants to respond to the AIC• Plan time for AIC leaders to discuss their own observations and those of the participants		

The Ethics Café is adapted from information provided by the Radnor High School Honor Council, Radnor, PA.