



# Blueprint 2018 Code of Conduct

Blueprint is intended to be a fun, safe, and inclusive environment for hackers. To ensure that every hacker is given an equal opportunity in a welcoming environment, you must abide by the following guidelines. Participants are expected to follow these rules at all Blueprint venues and social events. Failure to do so may result in a warning or expulsion from the event.

## Project Restrictions

Participation in the event is limited to currently enrolled high school students. To ensure fairness during the hackathon, qualified entries are restricted to those started within the hackathon hours. Projects that contain code written before the official hacking start time will be disqualified; however, exceptions to this rule are made for publicly available open-source code and libraries. Submission of another group's or individual's work is considered cheating and will result in disqualification. Only **work built during the event** will be considered for prizes. The Blueprint team reserves the right to disqualify projects for other forms of cheating not specified here. In particular, misrepresentation of your hack, accidental or not, is considered cheating. For example, if you use an API or library in your backend and you do not disclose that you did not implement it yourself, you are eligible for disqualification.

## Harassment

Blueprint strictly abides by MIT's harassment policy (available here: <http://web.mit.edu/policies/9/9.5.html>). Harassment includes but is not limited to offensive conduct, inappropriate physical contact, and unwelcome sexual attention. This includes any improper verbal or physical behavior related to gender, race, age, sexual orientation, disability, or religion. Participants, sponsors, mentors, and anyone attending the hackathon events are expected to comply with the anti-harassment policy. If a participant engages in inappropriate conduct, the Blueprint team reserves the right to take whatever action it deems appropriate, including warnings and expulsion from the event.

If you feel that you are being harassed, observe another person being harassed, or have any other concerns, please contact Blueprint representatives at [blueprint@hackmit.org](mailto:blueprint@hackmit.org). If you are uncomfortable contacting the mailing list above, direct contacts are listed below:

**Michael Silver** (508) 561-6171

In the case of an emergency, contact:

**MIT Police** (617) 253-1212

Blueprint reserves the right to revise, make exceptions to, or otherwise amend these policies. By signing below, you agree to abide by this code of conduct during the event. If you have any questions regarding this code, please contact Blueprint by e-mail at [blueprint@hackmit.org](mailto:blueprint@hackmit.org).