



## Student Pledge of Academic Integrity

### The Grosse Pointe Public School System

Students in The Grosse Pointe Public School System sign a pledge of academic integrity confirming that the assignments they submit are their own creation. Use of outside resources, including generative artificial intelligence or other automated content generation tools (i.e. chatGPT, Grammarly, etc.), must be authorized by the teacher. Phrases, sentences, paragraphs, verses, charts, tables, graphics, etc. that are taken from another writer or another source, whether quoted or paraphrased, must be properly credited to the creator following standard documentation rules.

**Plagiarism:** A student shall not present or use the language, structure, idea and/or thought of another source as the student's own.

**Cheating:** A student shall not engage in academic cheating, including, but not limited to, the giving or receiving of unauthorized aid or assistance or the giving or receiving of unfair advantage in any form of academic work.

Plagiarism and cheating are forms of academic dishonesty; they are **never** acceptable and are serious academic offenses. If you ever have any doubt about the integrity of your completed assignment or the correctness of your documentation of sources, ask your teacher before submitting the work.

Academic dishonesty is a violation of the Code of Conduct and consequences are issued appropriately. Administration will work with teachers to identify the best course of action. In addition to a disciplinary consequence, academic consequences may also be imposed, such as a failing grade on an assignment or test. Repeated offenses will result in further progressive actions, such as a behavior contract, and failure for a quarter, semester, and/or recommendation for expulsion.

**I understand the concept of academic integrity and the penalties I will suffer if I violate the Grosse Pointe Public School System Student Code of Conduct. The work I submit is my own creation, and all inclusions in it from other writers or sources are properly documented.**

Type your name in the text box below.

Student E-Signature:

Parent/Guardian E-Signature:

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As always, if you have any questions about citing sources and avoiding plagiarism, just ask! We are here to help you build your skills as researchers, communicators, and critical thinkers. Thank you for your commitment to integrity. The next page includes some strategies to give credit to outside sources and avoid academic dishonesty.

## **Plagiarism is academic theft.**

If we choose to use another source's sentences, paragraphs, or ideas without granting credit, we are “stealing” their work.

Although pasting uncited sentences or paragraphs into an essay is the most obvious type of plagiarism, it exists in other forms, too. Avoid the temptation to splice outside sources into your own words. In the example below, the underlined and boldfaced words are from an uncited outside source.

**The Victorian Age was a time of rapid dramatic changes. Charles Darwin, a naturalist, helped usher in these changes after a long voyage around the world where he observed and studied several unknown species. In his earth-shaking book, he deduced from the animal's widely diverse natures a common thread that linked all species of the world to a single...**

This is another form of plagiarism. You must “own” the sentence by composing it yourself. Any full or partial quotations should be properly cited.

## **Plagiarism is easily avoidable.**

In order to avoid plagiarism, you should:

- Know our district's definitions of plagiarism and cheating (see the first page).
- Give yourself plenty of time to understand and complete an assignment. Pace yourself—don't wait until the last minute.
- Keep outside source notes separate from your original essay composition.
- Immediately quote and cite any sources when you decide to add a full or partial quotation to your essay. Create your bibliography as you work.
- Use MLA citation in order to effectively embed your quotations and create a Works Cited page. [The Online Writing Lab](#) and Calvin University's [KnightCite](#) are great citation resources!
- Contact your teacher if you have additional questions about proper citation. We're here to help you!
- Know that you are responsible for validating the originality of your composition.

**Because you understand how to recognize and avoid academic dishonesty, a violation of the pledge is considered a deliberate act of academic dishonesty.**