

Academic Honesty

8th Grade English Plagiarism Policy

Definition/Examples of Plagiarism and Cheating

- Having artificial intelligence (such as ChatGPT) **write your assignments for you.**
- Putting your name on someone else's work and claiming it as your own.
- Taking credit for something that is not your work.
- Not citing sources when using direct language from someone else's work (includes website information).
- Paraphrasing (rewording in your own words) information without citing a source.
- Exchanging class information with other students, such as copying homework.
- Putting your name on group work that you did not participate in.
- Cutting and pasting or copying.
- Writing on hands, cheat sheets, etc. during exams.
- Taking pictures of another student's work.
- Allowing someone to copy or look at your work.
- Having a parent (or other grown-up) complete your work/write your assignments (such as essays) for you.

How to Avoid Plagiarism

- Always **do your own work**, never copy or submit other's work.
- Always cite your sources, even when paraphrasing information and include quotation marks for any direct quotes.
- Do not ask to take pictures of someone's work if you were absent; speak to the teacher about what you missed.

Consequences

1st Offense: Those involved will redo the assignment and also complete a reflection assignment. There will be a drop in citizenship grade for the progress report. A parent phone call will be made.

2nd Offense: Those involved will receive no credit on the assignment. A student-parent-teacher conference may be held at teacher discretion. Citizenship grade will be dropped to an F for the semester.