

8th Grade English Plagiarism Policy

Definition/Examples of Plagiarism and Cheating

- Passing off someone else's work 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

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 for up to full credit along with a reflection piece. Parent will be notified and a student-teacher conference will be held. There will be a drop in citizenship grade for the progress report.

2nd Offense: Those involved will redo the assignment and can earn up to 50% credit. Parent will again be notified. A student-parent-teacher conference may be held. Citizenship grade will be dropped permanently for the semester.

3rd Offense: Those involved will receive no credit on the assignment. A student-parent-teacher conference will be held. Citizenship grade will be dropped to an F for the semester.

To be signed by a parent/guardian and returned to Ms. Grande

I have read the Plagiarism Policy and will adhere to it. I understand that plagiarism in any form is unacceptable.

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____