

## Policy on Plagiarism and Cheating

Definitions:

### **PLAGIARISM:**

- **Webster's Definition:** "the act of stealing and passing off ( the ideas or words of another) as one's own; to use (a created production) without crediting the source ~ to commit literary theft: present as new and original an idea or product derived from an existing source"

### **CHEATING:**

- **Webster's Definition:** "to practice fraud or trickery: to violate rules dishonestly (as on an examination)...:the obtaining of property from another by intentional active distortion of the truth"

### **Mrs. Johnson's Definitions:**

#### **PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:**

1. To turn in an essay or other written piece as your own that someone else has written
2. To copy word-for-word information from other sources (ie. webpage, novel, newspaper article, encyclopedia, etc.) for your own essay or work without properly citing the original source
3. To paraphrase (or summarize) information from other sources (ie. webpage, novel, newspaper article, encyclopedia, etc.) for your own essay or work without properly citing the original source
4. To copy your classmate's written work and turn it in as your own (ie. answers to homework questions)
5. To copy your classmate's answers on a test or quiz
6. To give or receive answers to a test, quiz, or homework from/to a student in another class period
7. To use information of any kind (notes, books, handouts) that is not authorized by Ms. Johnson on a test or quiz

**Note: Putting something in your own words does not mean rewriting it with a few simple word changes. This is also considered plagiarism and cheating.**

#### **PUNISHMENT FOR PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:**

**An automatic zero on the assignment with absolutely no chance of making up the points/grade.**

I understand all English Department policies regarding late work, plagiarism, and cheating as well as the consequences if I chose to commit such actions.

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Student Name (printed)

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date