

HMSA Plagiarism Policy

All work must be your original work. Plagiarism most often occurs when students do not allow enough time to complete assignments. HMSA has a zero-tolerance plagiarism policy. The following are some, but not all, examples of plagiarism:

- **Direct quotes** copied word-for-word from a book without using quotation marks AND proper citation
- Taking words from the **textbook** (literary term definitions, background historical context, etc.) and not properly citing them
- **Paraphrasing** a passage from a source without proper citation in MLA format

According to Purdue OWL, “Paraphrasing involves putting a passage from source material into your own words. A paraphrase must also be attributed to the original source. Paraphrased material is usually shorter than the original passage, taking a somewhat broader segment of the source and condensing it slightly.”

- Copying/taking **anything from an online source** (comments in forums, summaries from websites, academic articles) and using it as your own
- Using **facts/statistics** without providing their source properly cited in MLA format
- Copying/turning in the **same work** as someone else
 - Assigned group work needs to include the names of all group members
- Turning in **someone else's work** as your own (poems, thesis statements, essays purchased online)
- Turning in **your own work** from previous assignments

For more information on paraphrasing, go to: <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/owlprint/563/>