# Plagiarism Policy

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The definition of plagiarism is to copy and claim someone else's work as one's own. Plagiarism includes, but may not be limited to copying words and/or images from a print source without proper documentation: copying and pasting words from printed sources including but not limited to books, magazines, newspapers, and electronic sources, including but not limited to websites and databases and turning the words in as one's own work: taking someone else's ideas and claiming them as one's own: reusing a paper previously written by author without revising: turning in a paper written by someone other than the student and not documenting a source (includes siblings, friends and parents.)

Proper documentation style will be taught and expected. We will use the MLA (Modern Language Association) or APA (American Psychological Association) style of documentation. The following penalties will be imposed for plagiarism.

- The paper must be rewritten completely (a new topic may be assigned) with a grade of no more than 70% to be issued for the new assignment.
- A call home to parents/guardians will be placed.
- A report to the (principal/guidance office) will be made.

## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

"Artificial intelligence" or "AI" is intelligence demonstrated by computers, as opposed to human intelligence. "Intelligence" encompasses the ability to learn, reason, generalize, and infer meaning. Examples of AI technology include ChatGPT and other chatbots and large language models.

AI is not a substitute for schoolwork that requires original thought. Students may not claim AI generated content as their own work. The use of AI to take tests, complete assignments, create multimedia projects, write papers, or complete schoolwork without permission of a teacher or administrator is strictly prohibited. The use of AI for these purposes constitutes cheating or plagiarism.

In certain situations, AI may be used as a learning tool or a study aid. Students who wish to use AI for legitimate educational purposes must have permission from a teacher or an administrator.

Students may use AI as authorized in their Individualized Education Program (IEP).Students may not use AI, including AI image or voice generator technology, to violate school rules or school district policies.

In order to ensure academic integrity, tests, assignments, projects, papers, and other schoolwork may be checked by AI content detectors and/or plagiarism recognition software.