The Desert Vista English Department Plagiarism Policy

The Tempe Union High School District Student Handbook defines "plagiarism" as "using another's words, ideas, materials or work without acknowledging and documenting the source. Students are responsible for knowing the rules governing the use of another's work and for acknowledging and documenting the source appropriately."

In order to meet the specifications of the state writing standards, students are expected to complete their own writing assignments and include proper citations to document all research. **In order for students to demonstrate the authenticity of their work, all steps of the drafting, writing, and revising process must be completed in the same document.**

To uphold these standards and district policies, the Desert Vista English Department will consider the following instances as plagiarism:

- copying from the internet
- borrowing content from peers
- providing copies of your work to other students
- submitting files that are blank or unsupported by Canvas
- utilizing generative AI technology (which includes ChatGPT, Grammarly, Snapchat and other chatbots that generate text) unless explicitly allowed as a part of the assignment directions

All writing assignments will go through Turnitin.com, and if the results are flagged for AI-generated text or plagiarism of any kind, the teacher will schedule a conference with the student to discuss and evaluate the content of the writing submission.

After conferencing, if the assignment is determined to be written by a source other than the student, the process for resolution will be:

- Parent contact
- Opportunity for resubmission
    - If the re-submitted essay meets the assignment criteria, students can earn up to a 60% on the assignment.
    - If the student does not take advantage of the opportunity to resubmit, they will earn a 0%, per TUHSD Policy.
    - The due date for the resubmission will be determined by the teacher at the conference.