Academic Integrity Contract
WFHS High School
2025-2026

What Is Plagiarism?

Definition: *In an instructional setting, plagiarism occurs when a writer deliberately uses someone else's language, ideas, or other original (not common-knowledge) material without acknowledging its source.*

This definition applies to texts published in print or on-line, to manuscripts, and to the work of other student writers (or any other medium, i.e. podcasts, film, or sound recordings). Most current discussions of plagiarism fail to distinguish between:

1. submitting someone else's text as one's own or attempting to blur the line between one's own ideas or words and those borrowed from another source, and
2. carelessly or inadequately citing ideas and words borrowed from another source (Council of Writing Program Administrators, 2024).

At West Florida High School, plagiarism, intentional or otherwise, is grounds for a grade of zero on the assignment. Plagiarism/Academic Dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. passing off another student's work as one's own or allowing someone else to use a student's work
2. copying directly from a source without proper citation, as per APA/MLA guidelines
3. having improper documentation includes
    a. lack of in-text citations
    b. in-text citations that are inconsistent with the reference page
    c. improper identification of direct quotes (i.e. no quotation marks)
    d. failing to cite all secondary sources (More than 3 citation failures will result in a zero for the whole assignment.)
    e. turning in a former student's paper as one's own
4. using AI generators, ChatGPT, Grammarly, or pre-composed material for all stages of the work process (including brainstorming) recognizable of no more than 20% as per Turnitin
5. using generative AI or other math solving software to complete assignments or assessments.

I, _____, understand the above definitions and consequences concerning copying others' work and/or plagiarizing copyrighted material.The responsible use of generative AI tools in a classroom, such as ChatGPT or math solving tools, is a powerful resource that allows students and families to access an interactive tool aiding in understanding material. This includes asking clarifying questions, brainstorming approaches, and reviewing material. Using AI generators to complete any assignments is considered academic dishonesty and is prohibited. Students found using AI in this manner will face consequences for cheating, as outlined in the Escambia County Public Schools Student Code of Conduct. I understand that I will receive a score of zero on any given assignment if I fail to comply. I will also be subject to disciplinary action by the dean and receive parent notification. I also understand that club sponsors, coaches, and career teachers may be notified, and they may or may not extend further consequences. ***For Juniors:*** *Receiving a zero on the final draft of the Capstone research paper will result in ineligibility for the ACE program.*

_____ _____
Student Signature Date

_____ _____
Parent/ Guardian Signature Date

Council of Writing Program Administrators. (2024). *Defining and avoiding plagiarism: The WPA statement on best practices.* Retrieved July 18, 2024, from https://wpacouncil.org/aws/CWPA/pt/sd/news_article/272555/_PARENT/layout_details/fall