

Red Raider Plagiarism Policy

What is plagiarism?

- Plagiarism is the unacknowledged use of another person's words, ideas, or intellectual property.

What are examples of plagiarism?

- Handing in anyone else's work as your own.
- Copying text from any source and pasting it into your work.
- Copying text and pasting it into your work, then changing some of the words, "to make it your own".
- Not adding citations to quotes.
- Using a picture or graphic without giving credit to the person who created it.
- Any other incidence of passing someone else's work off as your own.

Why is plagiarism wrong?

- It's dishonest. Your reputation as an honest person is very important. It's far more valuable than any mark on any school assignment.
- People who plagiarize lose an opportunity to *actually* learn.

How can I avoid plagiarism?

- Give credit when you use any source.
- If you use someone else's words, put them in quotation marks, and cite your source.
- If you use someone else's idea (something that could reasonably be considered that person's own intellectual property), make it clear where the idea came from.
- If you paraphrase, cite your source.

What is a citation?

- A citation is a reference that goes in brackets at the end of a sentence.
- It usually includes the name of the person being quoted or referenced, and a page reference. Different types of sources use different citation formats – see your teacher for specifics.

Do my teachers check for plagiarism?

- Yes, they do.

What are the consequences for plagiarism?

- Work that is shown to be plagiarized will receive a mark of zero.
- If the offense is serious (e.g. on a major assignment), your parents could be called, and you could end up in consultations with the principal or vice principal.

I understand what plagiarism is, and why I should avoid it.

I'm also aware of the consequences for plagiarism.

Signature: _____