PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism is a big word for a common problem. It can mean copying texts or images without giving credit or putting your name on someone else's work. Technology has made it much easier to steal other people's work.

Many people assume that all information on the Internet is free to use without permission. For example, some Web sites allow people to link without permission as long as credit is given. Some Web sites may deny permission to use or link to any of the information.

Students today have a responsibility to learn how to do research and complete assignments without breaking the rules of academic integrity or the school honor code. Teachers are responsible for identifying student plagiarism and reporting it. New technology tools are being used to monitor student work, and more and more students are getting caught.

Resources

CHEATING and how to avoid it*: A student guide to plagiarism, cheating, and intellectual property use in the mankato area public schools, mankato (MN). Retrieved September 15, 2008, from Mankato Area Public Schools Web site: http://www.isd77.org/school305/FCK/File/cheat77.pdf

(2008). The learning center. Retrieved September 4, 2008, from Plagiarism.org Web site: http://plagiarism.org/

(2008). North Carolina graduation project. Retrieved September 4, 2008, from Public Schools of North Carolina Web site: http://www.ncpublicschools.org/graduationproject/

(2002). Student guide to avoiding plagiarism. Retrieved September 9, 2008, from Education World Web site: http://www.education-world.com/a_curr/TM/curr390_guide.shtml

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Libraries, (2004 August 30). Plagiarism and the Honor Code. Retrieved October 13, 2008, from Information Ethics Tutorial Web site: http://www.lib.unc.edu/instruct/infoethics/plagiarism/

Additional resources: (Plagiarism site http://www.ncwiseowl.org/it/plagiarism)

Visit us on the Web: www.ncpublicschools.org

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⚠ Do Not Attempt This At Home or At School!

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Plagiarism is illegal

in the state of North Carolina according to General Statute § 14-118.2. The statute and a tutorial on plagiarism for students are available at the UNC University Libraries site: http://www.lib.unc.edu/instruct/infoethics/plagiarism/

Other definitions: see Plagiarism site http://www.ncwiseowl.org/it/plagiarism/

It's OK to

- Use part of someone else's work if you give credit

- Use someone else's exact words if you use quotation marks and internal citation

- Paraphrase someone else's words with internal citation

It's Not OK to

- Use someone else's work without giving credit

- Use someone else's exact words without the correct quotation marks and internal citation

- Re-word (paraphrase) someone else's work without giving credit

- Ask or allow someone else to do the work for you

- Use an assignment more than once (e.g., same assignment for another teacher)

- Invent sources for internal citations and/or the Works Cited page

- Have mis-matched internal citations and Works Cited

Possible Consequences

Past

- Failure to become an independent learner
- Reputation for dishonesty

Present

- Failing grade on an assignment
- Failure to get into college
- Failure to receive a scholarship

Future

- Failing grade in a college course
- Suspension and expulsion from the college
- Failure to pass background checks for employment
- Legal consequences for criminal activity

Plagiarism *is any instance of deliberate or unintentional disguising of someone's claim to intellectual or artistic ownership.*