F**ayette County Secondary Schools Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty Statement**

**Rationale:** Plagiarism and academic dishonesty are serious violations of the principles of academic integrity. They represent a form of theft rather than genuine learning, and undermine the learning process. Plagiarism and academic dishonesty demonstrate a breach of character that is at odds with the values and goals of Fayette County Public Schools as an agency of college and career readiness. Students must become adept at gathering information, evaluating sources, citing material accurately, reporting findings from their research, and analyzing sources in a clear and cogent manner.  **Plagiarism and academic dishonesty will not be tolerated.**

**Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty include the**:

* representation of another’s ideas or writing as one’s own, by withholding credit through the omission of

parenthetical documentation and/or a works cited page

* submission of work copied in part or whole from the work of someone else and submitting it as one’s own, by

withholding credit through the omission of parenthetical documentation, specific source citations on a works cited page, and/or works cited page

* use of material—copied directly, cut and pasted, summarized, or paraphrased--without providing the author’s name

and title of source

* submission of purchased papers or papers downloaded from the Internet as one’s own
* submission of papers written by some other person—including tutors, parents, siblings, or friends--as one’s own
* provision of one’s work in any discipline or subject matter to others, whether one believes the work will be copied

or not unless the teacher has given specific permission for collaborative effort

* stealing of examination or course materials or cheating on an examination
* falsifying of records, laboratory results, or other data
* assistance of another student in any of the areas above, including assistance in an arrangement whereby any work,

classroom performance, examination, or other activity is submitted or performed by a person other than the student under whose name the work is submitted or performed.

**Penalties for Plagiarism:**

1. A student who has plagiarized all or any part of a major writing assignment in any class will receive no credit for the assignment.  **No substitute assignment will be given.**
2. A student who submits an assignment that requires documentation with no parenthetical citation and/or works cited has effectively and purposefully committed plagiarism; therefore, the student will receive a grade of zero for the entire research or writing assignment. **No substitute assignment will be given.**
3. A student who allows another student to copy his or her assignment in any discipline, or assists in the act of plagiarism or academic dishonesty, will be subject to disciplinary action and will receive a grade of zero for the assignment. **No substitute assignment will be given.**
4. All incidents of plagiarism will result in a disciplinary referral, parents will be notified, and the assignment will receive a grade of zero for the assignment. **No substitute assignment will be given.**

**NOTE TO PARENTS**: “County Guidelines for Student Behavior” outlines the punishments for academic dishonesty; plagiarism is academic dishonesty. Teachers give instruction orally, in writing, and through specific examples as to what constitutes plagiarism to all students.

***I have read and understand the above statement on plagiarism.***

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