

Date: _____ Teacher's Name _____ Period _____

DeLand High School Student Academic Integrity Policy

In a world of ever changing priorities one constant is the need for ethical academic standards. The guidelines presented in the policy below show student expectations regarding cheating, plagiarism and academic honesty. These guidelines and expectations cover all school related projects, reports, tests, quizzes and assignments whether in or outside of class. By signing this statement students acknowledge their understanding of the stated expectations and possible consequences.

According to Merriam-Webster Dictionary (<http://www.m-w.com/>) to **plagiarize** is:

“To steal and pass off (the ideas or words of another) as one's own: use (another's production) without crediting the source. To commit literary theft: present as new and original an idea or product derived from an existing source.”

At DeLand High School plagiarism includes but is not limited to:

- Using another person's words or ideas (written or spoken) without giving credit to the source.
- Copying and pasting material from any source including the Internet without giving attribution to the writer. You must put quotation marks around direct quotes and give credit in your works cited list.
- Changing the words or order of words from another source and submitting them as your own. Even with proper paraphrasing you must give credit to the source of the materials.

“When you use someone else's words, you must put quotation marks around them and give the writer or speaker credit by revealing the source in a citation. Even if you revise or paraphrase the words of someone else or just use their ideas, you still must give the author credit in a note. Not giving due credit to the creator of an idea or writing is very much like lying.”

Dr. Robert Harris - Virtual Salt Anti-plagiarism Strategies - <http://www.virtualsalt.com/antiplag.htm>

According to Merriam-Webster Dictionary (<http://www.m-w.com/>) to **cheat** means:

“to get something by dishonesty or deception.”

At DeLand High School cheating includes but is not limited to:

- Copying an assignment from another person without explicit permission from the teacher. This includes sharing work that should be individually produced and includes obtaining answers from another student with or without their permission.
- Using, supplying or communicating with unauthorized devices with the intent of deception. This will include but is not limited IPod, calculator, camera, textbook, recorder, computer, phone, etc.
- Failing to follow teacher guidelines regarding collaboration, parent help, etc. Students will be expected to complete work independently unless specifically directed otherwise by the teacher.

POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES:

First Offense:

Zero on assignment
Parent notification
Referral to counselor

Second Offense:

First offense consequences plus:
Parent/student/teacher/
counselor conference

Third Offense:

1st & 2nd offense consequences
plus: Referral to administration,
Suspension from extra curricular
activities, elected offices and/or
senior privileges

Student Name (Print) _____ **Alpha Code:** _____

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature: _____