

Policy

PLAGIARISM

The Woodbridge Township Board of Education recognizes that plagiarism is a serious issue in education today. Plagiarism results when there is an intentional representation of another's ideas, words, or work as one's own without giving proper credit to the originator of the information or material. Examples of plagiarism include but are not limited to the following:

- Copying the words or ideas of others from the internet, books, magazine articles, and other sources without quotation or citing the source. Additionally, students will be in violation of this policy if actions are taken to circumvent counter-plagiarism software and/or procedures.
- Paraphrasing a source without proper citation.
- Copying or paraphrasing the words or idea of other students, parents, siblings, or other family members and friends. The original writer who shares his/her paper for another to view and/or copy, without the permission of the teacher, is also engaged in plagiarism.
- Copying or representing the academic work of others including any assignment as if it were your own.
- Submitting purchased papers as your own.
- Recycling and reusing previously submitted assignments, also known as self-plagiarism. Assignments are intended to enhance a student's learning. By submitting a similar paper and/or parts of a paper, copying or paraphrasing passages from previous work, and/or recycling old data, students are choosing not to take part in that learning activity and are essentially opting out of the work assigned in the course

The penalty of plagiarism is a grade of a zero on the assignment with no make-up permitted. The teacher may also report the incident to the student's parents/guardians, guidance counselor and the school administrators. A parental conference with school officials may also be required.

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Key Words

Academic Dishonesty, Cheating, Fabrication, Facilitating Academic Dishonesty, Plagiarism

<u>Legal References:</u>	<u>N.J.S.A. 2A:38A-1 et seq.</u>	Computer System
	<u>N.J.S.A. 2C:20-25</u>	Computer Related Theft
	<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:7A – 11</u>	Annual report of local school district; contents; annual report of commissioner; report on improvement of basic skills
	<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:36-35</u>	School Internet websites; disclosure of certain pupil information prohibited
	<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:30-1.1 et seq.</u>	Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts

Possible

<u>Cross References:</u>	*4131/ 4131.1	Staff development; inservice education/visitation conferences
	*4231/4231.1	Staff development; inservice education/visitation conferences
	*5020	Role of parents/guardians
	*5114	Suspension and expulsion
	*5124	Reporting to parents/guardians