

Plagiarism Policy Homewood High School

What is plagiarism? Plagiarism is stealing and passing off as one's own the ideas or words of another, or as *Webster's Third New International Dictionary* defines it:

Plagiarism is theft of intellectual property - - stealing the ideas of another person and claiming those ideas as one's own.

Plagiarism falls under the heading of violating Academic Ethics. Students who plagiarize interfere with the assessment and feedback process that is necessary in order to promote academic growth. Plagiarism defrauds the instructor with a false view of a student's strengths and weaknesses and may prevent further instruction in areas of weakness and delay the student in reaching his or her potential.

Examples of plagiarism include

- passing off the text of a website or another person's work as one's own original work;
- passing off any section, sentence, words or ideas of a website (this includes such sites as Spark Notes, eNotes, etc.) or any printed material as one's own original work;
- copying another person's work (any work, including homework, essays, math problems, chemistry lab processes) whether that person be a student here or from another school;
- not properly giving credit to the creator/author of data, statistics, and/or ideas presented verbatim (word for word) or through paraphrasing;
- having someone else other than you make major revisions in the thoughts and analysis included in any work;
- not properly giving credit for music, graphics, images, movies, and/or works of art downloaded from Internet sites.

Penalties for Plagiarism

First Offense	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Receive a zero on the work• Receive a phone call from the teacher• Lose exemption to any exam during the semester
Second Offense	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Receive a zero on the work• Receive a phone call from the administration• Lose exemption to any exam during the semester• Be assigned one day in Saturday School• Receive possible sanctioning from honor societies
Third Offense	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Receive a zero on the work• Attend parent/administration conference to determine further action

Sections adapted from Chicopee Comprehensive High School Plagiarism Policy

Acknowledgement of Receipt of Homewood High School's Plagiarism Policy

I have read and understood the policy relating to plagiarism at
Homewood High School.

(Student's signature)

(Student's printed name)

(Date)

(Parent or legal guardian's signature) (Parent or legal guardian's printed name)

(Date)