

HONOR STATEMENT

According to the *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*, **plagiarism** is defined as "The act of stealing and passing off the ideas or words of another as one's own." Additionally, **forgery** is defined as "The crime of falsely and fraudulently making or altering a document." Committing these severe errors in judgment can have serious consequences on your grade.

Examples of plagiarism, forgery, and fraudulent work include, but are not limited to:

- Allowing someone to copy your work and turn it in as theirs.
- Copying someone's research without giving that person credit.
- Copying direct quotes or paraphrasing from any borrowed source without giving credit.
- Doing someone's work for them and letting them take credit for your efforts.
- Buying and/or selling work and claiming it as one's own/offering it to a peer to use as his/her own.
- Forging a signature on any Senior Project document.
- Using fabricated photographs, visuals, or written evidence as proof of completed fieldwork.
- Allowing someone to use your chosen examples, quotes and/or analysis from your paper.
- Saving other people's digital documents and using them as your own.

How to avoid cheating:

- Use citations after EVERY direct quote and EVERY paraphrase from your sources.
- Create a works cited page that accurately reflects each source you used in your paper.
- Create fieldwork documents that accurately and honestly reflect your fieldwork.
- Utilize *turnitin.com*.

Consequences of cheating:

- The case will go to the Senior Project Committee.
- I can receive a zero on the assignment.
- I can be denied the opportunity to do the work over.
- My parents can receive a phone call from the teacher.
- It can negatively affect my grade.
- Graduation could be in jeopardy.
- My counselor will be notified.

I am fully aware of the meaning of plagiarism, and understand that under the plagiarism/forgery clause of the discipline plan, I am responsible for my own integrity and will adhere to the strict guidelines set forth. I understand the consequences of the serious offenses outlined, including putting my graduation in jeopardy, and I fully agree with the policy. I will do all in my power to prevent plagiarism and forgery of all Senior Project documents that I produce and/or sign.

(print student name)

(student signature)

(parent/guardian signature)

(date)

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