
American High School's Tips on Plagiarism Avoidance



What is Plagiarism?

Plagiarism is using someone else's ideas or words without giving them proper credit.

Plagiarism can be either unintentional or intentional.

Unintentional Plagiarism: forgetting to include a source in a bibliography

Intentional Plagiarism: buying an already written paper or using another writer's ideas passing it as your own.

Novice to expert writers could potentially plagiarize.



Plagiarism

Consequences

If you are...

- a **Student** - consequences can include failing grades on assignments or classes, academic probation, and even expulsion.
- a **Researcher** - plagiarism can cause a loss of credibility, legal consequences, and other professional consequences.
- an **Employee** - you can receive a reprimand or lose your job.

Plagiarism is SERIOUS!

American High School views plagiarism as unacceptable.

It is considered cheating and a form of academic dishonesty.

As a virtual school student, you must be even more keenly aware of what plagiarism is so you can avoid doing it *unintentionally*.

As a reminder: Upon enrolling, you signed an Enrollment form confirming your understanding of Academic Integrity, avoidance of plagiarism, and the consequences of committing plagiarism at American High School.

If you are caught plagiarizing, you will be subject to the following potential consequences:

**Your work
WILL be
checked
for
plagiarism!**

Your assignment being rejected; Required to write an essay on Plagiarism specifically

- You may be allowed to resubmit your paper



Receive a failing mark of Zero on the assignment



Take a required remedial plagiarism module before continuing in other courses



Suspended and/or dropped from the course



School Expulsion



Paraphrasing Done RIGHT!

Paraphrasing is rewriting a passage and changing the meaning of the original text.

To paraphrase, make sure you:

- Read the passage several times to fully understand the meaning
- Note key concepts
- Write your version of the text without looking at the original to avoid copying
- Compare your paraphrased text with the original passage; make minor adjustments to phrases that remain too similar
- Cite the source where you found the idea and who was the original author

- *Original:* Her life spanned years of incredible change for women as they gained more rights than ever before.
Paraphrase: She lived through the exciting era of women's liberation.
- *Original:* Giraffes like Acacia leaves and hay, and they can consume 75 pounds of food a day.
Paraphrase: A giraffe can eat up to 75 pounds of Acacia leaves and hay daily.
- *Original:* Any trip to Italy should include a visit to Tuscany to sample the region's exquisite wines.
Paraphrase: Be sure to make time for a Tuscan wine-tasting experience when visiting Italy.
- *Original:* Symptoms of influenza include fever and nasal congestion.
Paraphrase: A stuffy nose and elevated temperature are signs you may have the flu.
- *Original:* The price of a resort vacation typically includes meals, tips and equipment rentals, which makes your trip more cost-effective.
Paraphrase: All-inclusive resort vacations can make for an economical trip.



Plagiarism Avoidance Check List

- ✓ Keep a **list of your resources** as you are conducting your research.
- ✓ Make sure to **paraphrase or quote** from sources when using ideas.
- ✓ Your paper should **have your own original ideas**.
- ✓ Make sure to give **original author credit in an in-text citation and in the Works Cited page**.
- ✓ Consider using a **plagiarism checker** before submitting an assignment.

Resources to assist you in maintaining your Academic Integrity

Resources

- **Avoiding Plagiarism**

https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/avoiding_plagiarism/index.html

- **How to Paraphrase**

<https://www.scribbr.com/citing-sources/how-to-paraphrase/>

- **How to Cite**

https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_formatting_and_style_guide.html

- **Plagiarism Checker**

<https://www.trustmypaper.com/free-plagiarism-checker>

