

# **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!

Our 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.*

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

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

Severe point deductions  
without the ability to  
resubmit assignments



Extensive school  
suspension with account  
deactivation



School Expulsion



# Paraphrasing Done RIGHT!

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

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- 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.

# AI and Plagiarism

With the growing use of artificial intelligence (AI), our school understands its popularity, ease of use, and accessibility. However, using AI tools or writing software to complete your assignments is **limited**.

Although the tools seem helpful, they can lead to plagiarism when you copy from the source and then present them as your own. Remember: AI performs different types of plagiarism; you are responsible for checking validity and using the AI plagiarism checkers.

Teachers utilize AI plagiarism checkers to review student work to verify student work authenticity and support our institution's vision of academic integrity. If a student's work shows **over 30%** from the detector, it will be addressed by the teacher using our implemented policy. **[Click here to review our plagiarism policy for more details.](#)**

Translators use AI and machine learning. However, translators are prohibited as they do not provide original work.

If you need additional information or are unsure about this topic, please reach out to your teacher for more feedback to make sure you follow our institution's plagiarism policy.

## AI Academic Integrity Rules

1. **Restricted use of AI Tools**
2. **No Use of Translators**
3. **Original Work Only**

