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Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty

(Borrowed, in part, from policies established by the University of Washington's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.)

Cheating, or academic misconduct, is increasingly a problem amongst high school students. Regardless of motivation, cases of academic misconduct are completely unjustified in every instance. To cheat is to demean your efforts. It causes your character to come under suspicion, and it belittles the hard work of all students. Cheating, plagiarism, or academic dishonesty, in any form, is not tolerated. The purpose of these policies is to clearly delineate examples of cheating, as well as to clearly inform students of the consequences of academic misconduct in this course.

**\*\*NOTE: These policies refer only to how plagiarism is viewed within the confines of this classroom. These do not supersede the Academic Dishonesty policies initiated by the San Dieguito Union High School District in any way. These policies inform students and parents/guardians of how academic dishonesty is viewed in this class.**

Examples of academic dishonesty include, but are not limited to:

1. Using another author's words without proper citation
2. Using an author's ideas without proper citation
3. Reproducing the exact wording of another source without using quotation marks, even if the source is cited
4. Borrowing the structure of another author's words or phrases without proper credit or citation
5. **Borrowing all or part of another student's paper or assignment, including borrowing the structure of another student's words, phrases, or ideas.**
6. Using a paper writing service, or an online source of written assignments, or having another student complete an assignment
  - *This includes obtaining information, either in full or in part, from Internet websites (popularly known as "paper mills"), in which students can obtain papers either free or for cost). This also includes the cutting and pasting or by hand reproducing content which can be found online, such as is found on sites such as (but not limited to) Wikipedia..*

Other examples of academic dishonesty:

1. Cheating during a quiz or an exam, including:
  - Copying answers from another student
  - Possession of unauthorized notes or study-aids during a quiz or exam
  - Having an electronic device visible at any time during a quiz or exam is automatically considered an instance of Academic Dishonesty.
2. **Turning in work that is identical, or substantially similar to, the work of another student:**
  - This is frequently a by-product of "working with another student." In many cases, working with a partner while studying is a beneficial way of learning. However, please understand that submitting work that is identical—or quite similar to—the work of another student is considered cheating. All work should be uniquely your own.
3. Purchasing or possessing materials that contain specific answers to specific homework assignments or exams.
4. **Cutting and pasting answers from online sources, such as Wikipedia, even if the work is cited properly. This is not "doing" your own work, and in this class, it shall be treated as a case of academic dishonesty.**

Any infraction not described above, but that clearly falls under the auspices of academic dishonesty, is subject to the consequences in the Discipline Policy outlined by Canyon Crest Academy and the San Dieguito Union High School District.

Students who engage in academic misconduct will incur the following consequences:

1. The student WILL lose credit for the assignment. (This is an automatic policy in any instance in which an electronic device visible at any time during a test or exam.)
2. The student WILL be referred to an administrator for documentation and for possible disciplinary action.

Careful planning and time management will serve as good tools to prevent instances of academic misconduct. Please do not engage in any action that will cause your integrity to be questioned.

Please sign below to indicate your receipt and understanding of these policies. PLEASE DO NOT DETATCH THIS SIGNATURE PORTION. In order to earn credit, students must return the entire signed form.

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Student Name

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Class Period

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Student Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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