

## CLAYTON HIGH SCHOOL HONOR CODE POLICY

Clayton High School regards plagiarism as a very serious offense. Plagiarism is a form of cheating, and cheating will not be tolerated.

Plagiarism is defined as:

The use of another's words without acknowledging the source, whether found in printed material or in electronic media, including submitting the work of another, either published or unpublished, in full or in part, free or purchased. It also includes the use of another's created production or presenting as new and original an idea or product derived from an existing source.

It is the teacher's responsibility to provide instruction concerning documentation procedures. Ultimately, however, academic honesty is the student's responsibility. If plagiarism is not discovered during the writing process or product creation but appears in the final paper or product, the penalties listed below will apply.

Student research will be evaluated throughout the writing process. A paper containing blatant plagiarism will be returned as it will not meet the requirements of the state-created rubric. After having a period of time to conference with the teacher and make any necessary corrections, the student may resubmit the paper for grading. If the resubmitted paper still contains a pattern of plagiarism, it will fail again and will require an additional redo. We will follow the same procedure for the product.

I understand that if the initial copy of my research paper contains plagiarism, it must be rewritten correctly in order for me to continue with my Graduation Project. I also understand that until the paper is redone, it will receive a pass/fail grade of fail.

I understand that if the product is not my own work, I will be required to start the Graduation Project process again, beginning with the Research Topic Proposal Form.

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Date 1-25-12

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Date 1-25-12

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