



Plagiarism Policy

This policy is designed to enhance and enrich the academic and ethical education of the students at The Anthony School. The information contained within this policy is designed to provide guidelines to aid students in developing academic judgment, developing integrity and preserving honor.

The local area high schools, as well as all colleges and universities, take plagiarism very seriously. At most institutions, a zero on the assignment is the norm, and that could be devastating to a high school or college student. In addition, some schools expel those who have been caught a second time. This is an offense that is taken VERY seriously at the college level, as many professors publish their work, and their ideas are their livelihood.

At the middle school level, The Anthony School takes the offense seriously as well; it is our goal to work with the students to ensure that they have a solid grasp of plagiarism, its consequences, and most importantly how to avoid it!

The Anthony School defines plagiarism or cheating as:

- **Directly copying** the work of another person and claiming it as your own, be it homework, tests, or projects.
- **Resubmitting work** that has been turned in either by oneself or another student.
- **Paraphrasing** the ideas of another person without using all of the following: (1) proper credit immediately following the paraphrase and (2) listing the source on the works cited page at the end of the assignment.
- **Using direct quotations** from a work (book, website, etc.) without using all of the following (1) quotation marks, (2) credit immediately following the quote, and (3) listing of the sources on the works cited page at the end of the assignment.
- **Using and not crediting** work that has been written, created or developed by another person, including work or answers generated by electronic translators, literary summary sources, database generators (ex: wolfram alpha) and inappropriate collaboration with other students.
- Using artwork, pictures, movie clips or music without proper citation. Students may not use artwork, pictures, movie clips or music created by another person without proper citation.

Consequences of Cheating/Plagiarism:

Below is a list of consequences that will be used at the discretion of the teacher and administrator in whole or in part.

- A zero on the assignment;
- Referral to the office;
- Parent Notification;
- A meeting with the Head of School and parents; and/or
- Removal from consideration and/or membership of National Junior Honor Society and/or Student Council (if applicable).

Reviewing assignments:

The Anthony School has obtained **Turnitin.com** to aid both the students and the faculty in identifying original work. With the advent of this service, the faculty has the ability to set the assignments and have work checked objectively and independently for originality as well as correct citations. This service will also eliminate any ambiguity as to the timeliness of assignments as it tracks both the date and time that items are submitted. This is a service that many high schools – as well as colleges and universities – are using; the benefit provided for the middle school students and teachers is enhanced knowing that they will be prepared to use a similar (if not the same) product throughout their educational careers.

There are many benefits to the **Turnitin.com** service. Among these is the ability to set the standards for originality matching based on the assignment and the grade level. As part of the rubric the teacher will let the students know what an acceptable match level is; for example, depending on the length of the assignment a 30% match to an original source may be acceptable. In addition, the teacher reserves the right to adjust the detail of the Works Cited page; for example, a short assignment done in a brief amount of time, the name of the site and URL maybe sufficient. Please remember this is done at the teacher's discretion and may vary from assignment to assignment.

Please copy (print) the following student statement:

Plagiarism/Cheating in any form is unacceptable at The Anthony School. I have read the six examples of plagiarism and the consequences. I am aware that I will be turning my work in to an independent entity for review. I will adhere to The Anthony School Plagiarism/Cheating Policy.

Student Signature:		Date	
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Please copy (print) the following parent statement:

Plagiarism/Cheating in any form is unacceptable at The Anthony School. I have read the six examples of plagiarism and the consequences. I am aware that my child will be turning his/her work in to an independent entity for review. I will support The Anthony School Plagiarism/Cheating Policy.

Authorized By:		Date	
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