

PLAGIARISM POLICY

Johnston County Schools regards plagiarism as a very serious offense. Plagiarism is a form of cheating, and cheating will not be tolerated.

According to the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, 7th Ed., plagiarism includes but is not limited to the following behaviors:

1. taking someone else's paper and submitting it as if it were one's own paper,
2. not giving someone credit when copying exactly or paraphrasing someone else's words, or
3. using someone else's ideas or arguments without giving him or her credit. (56-57)

Although it is the teacher's responsibility to provide instruction concerning documentation procedures, ultimately, 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. After having a period of time to conference with the teacher and make any necessary corrections, the student may resubmit the paper. If the resubmitted paper still contains a pattern of plagiarism, the student will be referred to the principal for disciplinary action.

The same procedures will be followed for the Product.

My signature below indicates that I have read and understood the above policy, and I agree to follow the guidelines as stated.

Student's Signature: Rebecca Hunter Date: 08/27/12

Parent/Guardian's Signature: Bonnie Hunter Date: 8-27-12