



Croatan High School Graduation Project **PLAGIARISM**

The sixth edition of the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* defines plagiarism as “a form of cheating” that involves the taking of someone else’s work and/or the taking of someone else’s ideas and presenting them as your original work. According to the author of the handbook,

Plagiarism involves two kinds of wrongs. Using another person’s ideas, information, or expressions without acknowledging that person’s work constitutes intellectual theft. Passing off another person’s ideas, information, or expressions as your own to get a better grade or gain some other advantage constitutes fraud (Gibaldi 66).

Gibaldi further states that plagiarism is a “shameful act, and plagiarists are usually regarded with pity and scorn.” Pitied because they cannot come up with and express original thoughts; scorned because of their dishonesty and deception (66).

Failing to cite a source or citing a source incorrectly, whether intentionally or accidentally, is plagiarism. It is imperative that you cite all of your sources accurately in your Graduation Project. Careful note taking and proper documentation throughout the process will eliminate the danger of plagiarism.

You must give credit for all ideas that are not your own or that are not common knowledge. This includes paraphrasing or restating someone else’s words or ideas, as well as directly quoting someone or copying a passage, music, or photographs from sources.

The following will be regarded as plagiarism and will be disciplined according to school and county guidelines (see the Code of Student Conduct). **You will receive a zero on the assignment, a “U” in conduct, and your parents will be notified.**

- Copying from copyrighted sources without proper documentation
- Purchasing a pre-written paper or paying someone to write a paper for you
- Allowing someone else to write a paper for you
- Submitting as your own someone else’s unpublished work
- Carelessly omitting quotation marks around words not your own
- Failure to acknowledge the original source when paraphrasing
- Using all or parts of a paper not your own, including any paper obtained from the Internet

Work Cited

Gibaldi, Joseph. *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, Sixth Edition*. New York: The Modern Language Association of America, 2005.



Carteret County Schools
CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

POLICY JFC

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this code is to formulate and set apart in a single document a policy relating to the conduct and behavior of students in the Carteret County School System judged to be proper and necessary for the governmental operation of the schools. This code shall apply to all students in the system. It should be understood that the code is not intended to restrict in any way the authority of principals and teachers to make such rules, not inconsistent with this code, as they are authorized by law to make for the governance and operation of their respective schools. In the governance and operation of the Carteret County Public School System, the Board earnestly solicits the cooperation of every student, of every parent, and of the community at large.

Code of Conduct

Since an educated citizenry is essential to good government and can be attained only in an atmosphere conducive to teaching and learning, the Board requires the maintenance of good order in the schools as absolutely essential. In as much as all students are required to comply with all rules and regulation governing behavior, as stated herein, violation of Board policies, rules, and regulation issued by the individual school, or the North Carolina General Statutes may result in disciplinary action including suspension and expulsion of the student pursuant to due process procedures. It shall be the responsibility of the principal or designee to investigate fully the cases of students appropriately referred to his/her office for misbehavior and to determine such subsequent action as deemed warranted.

Integrity

All students shall comply with all rules and regulations governing behavior and conduct as listed in part eleven of this policy regarding integrity. Any student who engages in or attempts to engage in plagiarism or falsification shall be subject to disciplinary action. The following actions are specifically prohibited:

1. Cheating - Cheating includes the actual giving or receiving of any unauthorized aid or assistance or the actual giving or receiving of unfair advantage of any form of academic work.
2. Plagiarism - Plagiarism includes the copying of the language structure, idea and/or thought of another and representing it as one's own original work.
3. Falsification - Falsification includes the verbal or written statement of any untruth.

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