



Carteret County Schools Graduation Project **PLAGIARISM STATEMENT**

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. **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- Submitting as your own someone else’s unpublished work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.