



***Policy***

The advent of the Internet has given rise to an ever-increasing use of “cut and paste plagiarism” in all levels of academics. Any level of plagiarism in an educational institution cannot be tolerated. Falls Church High School English Department has a zero tolerance policy.

***What is Plagiarism?***

“Plagiarism is a difficult concept to define. It includes a range of actions from failure to use proper citation to wholesale cheating. A student who plagiarizes may do so unintentionally or with malicious deliberation. In ‘Helping Students Avoid Plagiarism’ Stephen Wilhoit lists the following types of plagiarism:

- Buying a paper from a research service or term paper mill.
- Turning in another student’s work without that student’s knowledge.
- Turning in a paper a peer has written for the student.
- Copying a paper from a source text without proper acknowledgment / citation.
- Copying materials from a source text, supplying proper documentation, but leaving out quotation marks.
- Paraphrasing materials from a source text without appropriate documentation.”<sup>1</sup>

***Student Consequences***

Plagiarism will not be tolerated as it undermines the integrity of the academic community. Therefore, Falls Church High School English Department has adopted the following consequences for those students who plagiarize:

- A **mandatory** zero will be given for the assignment/exam.
- **Mandatory** Saturday School
- Possible out-of-school suspension
- A possible 'F' for the quarter in which the incident occurs
- A possibility of receiving **NO AP** credit for the course.

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Student's Signature/Date

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Parent's Signature/Date

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<sup>1</sup> Cut-and-Paste Plagiarism: Preventing, Detecting and Tracking Online Plagiarism., Lisa Hinchliffe. [janicke@alexia.lis.uiuc.edu](mailto:janicke@alexia.lis.uiuc.edu), May 1998