

# **Cheating/Plagiarism**

OVHS is an educational community that values personal integrity. Academic dishonesty in all its forms (in coursework, on exams, or in other academically related activities) will not be tolerated.

According to the Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary, to "plagiarize" means

- to steal and pass off (the ideas or words of another) as one's own
- to use (another's production) without crediting the source
- to commit literary theft
- to present as new and original an idea or product derived from an existing source.

In other words, plagiarism is an act of fraud. It involves both stealing someone else's work and lying about it afterward.

## **Consequences**

1st violation: Automatic zero or "F" on assignment/test, parent/guardian and vice principal notified by teacher.

2nd violation: Two-day class suspension for defiance (CA Ed. Code §48900k), automatic zero or "F" on assignment/test, parent and vice principal notified.

3rd violation: Three-day suspension for defiance (CA Ed. Code §48900k), automatic failing grade for the semester.

## **Examples of cheating / plagiarism:**

- Cheating on any project, quiz, or exam.
- Copying and pasting text from online encyclopedias
- Copying and pasting text from any web site
- Copying from another student or knowingly allowing another to copy.
- Using unauthorized materials and/or technologies.
- Claiming as one's own a paper from a paper-writing service, free or otherwise.
- Knowingly obtaining, possessing, providing, using, buying, selling, or soliciting, in whole or in part, the contents of an examination.
- Intentionally causing a disadvantage to other students (tainting lab results, destroying another person's product, erasing another person's program, work, etc.)
- Tampering and/or changing any official classroom document.
- Using photographs, video or audio without permission or acknowledgement
- Using another student's or your parents' work and claiming it as your own even with permission
- Using your own work without properly citing it!
- Paraphrasing material from a source without appropriate documentation.
- Quoting a source without using quotation marks-even if you do cite it
- Citing sources you didn't use
- Getting a research paper, story, poem, or article off the Internet
- Turning in the same paper for more than one class without the permission of both teachers (this is called self-plagiarism)