

**Plagiarism**, as defined by the English Departments at Tantasqua Regional Junior and Senior High Schools, is submitting another person's ideas, words, images or data without giving that person credit or proper acknowledgment.

**You have committed plagiarism when you:**

- neglect to cite the use of phrases, quotes, or ideas that are not your own;
- paraphrase the work of another, even though you may have changed the words or arranged them differently;
- neglect to cite facts or data not considered common knowledge.

Plagiarism/cheating not only refers to written work, but also to computer data, research, musical scores, video programs and visual arts.

**You are academically dishonest when you:**

- submit a paper written for another class;
- submit a paper from an essay service or agency;
- submit a paper by another person even though he/she may have given you permission to use it;
- submit a media presentation, comment on a blog or discussion thread, or any type of communication done by another individual and presented as your own;
- copy homework.

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#### PLAGIARISM/ACADEMIC INTEGRITY CONTRACT

I have learned ways to avoid **plagiarism** by always acknowledging the source of any borrowed passage, sentence, or key idea that I use in my own writing. I will put any published material copied from another source into quotation marks and acknowledge the author. If I **paraphrase** any published material, I will give credit to the author. If I am unsure if acknowledgment is needed, I will ask a teacher.

I understand that if I **plagiarize** or engage in **academic dishonesty** despite this agreement, **I could face the following disciplinary consequences:**

- The work in question is subject to a grade of "0".
- Other academic consequences and disciplinary action may also be taken.
- My parent/guardian will be notified.
- A notice of the infraction may be reported to my guidance counselor and/or to school administrators.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am aware of the serious nature of plagiarism and academic dishonesty, and I will not intentionally use or submit someone else's work as my own.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I have read this contract and understand the consequences of **plagiarism and academic dishonesty**.

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_