

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Plagiarism: *The act of plagiarizing involves the use, assistance or abetting of someone else's words or ideas without citing the source of the information. Paraphrasing and direct quoting are two forms of plagiarism. It can occur in, but does not exclusively pertain to homework, essays, projects, and all forms of schoolwork. Students determined to have plagiarized will receive a zero for the assignment and the respective housemaster and parents will be notified. If applicable, the student will be reported to National Honor Society. [Credit: SHS Handbook]*

- **What Does This Mean?**
 - I have a **zero tolerance policy** for plagiarism in my classroom.
 - If you attempt to pass off someone else's work as your own, by intentionally or unintentionally failing to give credit to the other person, you are plagiarizing.
 - Even if you rephrase something, you must cite your source.
 - If you are unclear whether or not something is plagiarism, please see me **BEFORE** the assignment is due to allow adequate time for you to make any corrections or citations before passing it in.

**Please sign, detach, and return to teacher by next class. If you have any questions regarding course policies please contact me directly before signing so that I may address your concerns.*

Academic Honesty & Course Policies Contract - All students are expected to conduct themselves in an honest and ethical manner at all times. A first offense of cheating (plagiarizing, copying another student's work, etc.) will result in zero credit for the given assignment. Any subsequent offense may result in a failing grade for the entire term. By signing our class contract, you fully accept the class policies and expectations set forth in this course syllabus and the student handbook.

In addition to yourself, this course contract must be signed by a parent, guardian, or any other person who supports your goals of attaining academic excellence. For example: the person who would be proud of you when you get an 'A+' on an assignment.

I have read the Creative Writing requirements and policies and agree to fulfill them.

Student name [printed] _____

Student signature _____ Date _____

I have read the class requirements and policies and agree to support these expectations.

Parent/Guardian name [printed] _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____ Date _____