

**Plagiarism**, as defined by the English and History 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 commit 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.

**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** \_\_\_\_\_