

White Station Middle School

Plagiarism/Cheating Policy

This policy is designed to enhance and enrich the academic and ethical education of students at White Station Middle School. The information outlined in the following policy is intended to provide students with guidelines to enable academic judgment, develop integrity, and preserve honor.

Plagiarism/Cheating includes:

1. Directly copying the work of another person without using all of the following: (1) quotation marks, (2) proper credit immediately following the quote, and (3) listing any sources on the “works cited” page at the end of the assignment.
2. Paraphrasing the ideas of another person without using all of the following: (1) proper credit immediately following the paraphrase and (2) listing the source on the works cited page at the end of an assignment.
3. Using and failing to properly credit any work or answers that have been written, created, or developed by another person. This includes work or answers that have been generated through electronic translation engines, literary summary sources, and inappropriate collaboration with other students.
4. Recycling previously submitted work. Recycling an assignment is the resubmission of academic work that has been previously submitted by oneself or another student.
5. Using artwork or pictures without proper citation. Students may not use artwork or pictures, including clip art that was created by another person, without proper citation.

Consequences of Cheating/Plagiarism:

According to the Shelby County Schools code of conduct, plagiarism, cheating, and forgery are level 2 offenses. Any student who engages in willful cheating and or plagiarizing will be removed from consideration and/or membership of National Junior Honor Society/Beta Club. Below is a list of consequences that will be used at the discretion of the teacher and administrator.

For initial violations: The teacher should notify the parent and administer ONE of the following consequences.

1. A zero on the assignment
2. Lunch or teacher supervised detention
3. Conduct grade lowered to an N for the quarter

For repeated violations: Students will receive a 0 for the assignment and ONE of the following consequences.

1. Referral to the office
2. A meeting with the principal, guidance counselor, and parents
3. Conduct grade lowered to a U for the quarter
4. 1-3 day home suspension

Please copy (print) the following student statement:

Plagiarism/Cheating in any form is unacceptable at White Station Middle School. I have read the 5 examples of plagiarism/cheating and the consequence, and I will adhere to the White Station Middle School Plagiarism/Cheating Policy.

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Please copy (print) the following parent statement:

Plagiarism/Cheating in any form is unacceptable at White Station Middle School. I have read the 5 examples of plagiarism/cheating and the consequence, and I will support the White Station Middle School Plagiarism/Cheating Policy.

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____