

Plagiarism Program for Mr. Keser's 7/8 Science Classes

1. Watch **What is Plagiarism?** Power point in class.
2. Read and keep with class materials: **Top Ten Tips to Avoid Plagiarism.**
3. Take the **Online Plagiarism Quiz** and pass with a score of 90%.
3. Sign and email a copy of the **Academic Research Agreement** to your teacher.

Web Resources:

Online Plagiarism Quiz: Every student is required to take and pass the Online Plagiarism Quiz. After you complete the quiz you must review the feedback. It is very important that you understand why an answer was correct or incorrect. You must receive a score of 90% in order to pass this mandatory assessment. If you do not pass the first time, you must re-take the quiz until you pass.

Read the QuizStar Student Tutorial directions to learn how to sign up and take your quiz.

Appendix:

- **Top Ten Tips To Avoid Plagiarism (doc)**
- **Academic Research Agreement (doc)**

TOP TEN TIPS TO AVOID PLAGIARISM

1. **SUMMARIZE:** After you read a passage, summarize the information by hitting the key points (who, what, when, where, why, how, what happened as a result) in three sentences or less.
2. **PARAPHRASE:** After you read a passage, rewrite the information in your own words without looking back at the original text. When you're done, look at the original passage again to make sure you got the facts, names, and details right.
3. **QUOTE:** If you pick up something directly from the text, no big deal! Just put it in quotes and cite it.
4. Know if your information is **COMMON KNOWLEDGE** or not. Common knowledge can easily be found in three reliable sources. If it's not common knowledge, cite it!
5. **NEVER** copy and paste from the Internet!
6. Don't make the mistake of thinking that replacing a few words with synonyms or rearranging the order of the words or sentences makes it "legal." That's still plagiarism!
7. When you copy photos, graphics, tables, or charts from a web browser like Google, you **STILL** need to include the complete URL for the image.
8. Remember, it's not just words that are plagiarized – you need to give credit for images and ideas, too!
9. Don't overdo it on direct quotes! Only 10% of your final write-up can be in the form of direct quotations.
10. When in doubt, cite it!

Academic Research Agreement

(This agreement must be signed and dated by the student and a parent or guardian before the commencement of every research assignment in every class.)

(content area and title of assignment)

I, _____, understand that plagiarism is the illegal act of taking someone else’s words, thoughts, or ideas and claiming them as one’s own, which involves both theft and fraud. In addition, I know that plagiarism is an act of academic dishonesty, which is a violation of the course agreement. Furthermore, I have been informed that the consequences of plagiarism could include:

- a zero for the paper/assignment
- a lower average for the quarter
- a required parent/teacher conference
- notifying an administrator

Student’s Signature:

Date:

Parent’s Signature:

Date: