



Beamsville District Secondary School PLAGIARISM: STUDENT AWARENESS AND DECLARATION

The Internet has increased the potential for academic dishonesty in schools. In addition, current technologies make "copy-and-paste" approaches to writing very easy. At Beamsville District Secondary School, it is very important that students understand that the fraudulent use of research materials will have consequences, sometimes as serious as the loss of a credit or loss of marks that may jeopardize entry into a College or University program.

Plagiarism includes copying the work of another student, having someone else write an assignment, copying a published author's text or using (by paraphrase) substantial ideas or arguments from a published source without proper citation. You may also be an accomplice to plagiarism if you knowingly allow your work to be submitted in whole or in part as the work of another person.

Most plagiarists are easily discovered because instructors are familiar with sources and can detect inconsistencies in the work and in the writing style, vocabulary and syntactical structure. Students are expected to always cite all ideas or words quoted or paraphrased. ***When in doubt, cite your sources.***

Parent/Student Declaration

(please sign and return completed form.)

I have read the above caution and the subsequent definition of plagiarism. I understand it and accept that there will be consequences at the school if I choose to plagiarize an assignment. I also accept the need to keep (and produce when required) all rough work, drafts, revisions and source material related to written assignments.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____