

# Lutheran High School

## Honor Pledge

Plagiarism is presenting the ideas of words of another as if they were one's own. Regardless of how sources are used (direct quotation, paraphrase, or summary), it is essential to give credit for the ideas and words of others.

Broadly speaking, plagiarism includes sharing work with others and/or claiming the work of others as your own. (This could include cheating on a test or allowing others in a group to do your work.)

The reason for writing various research papers is to teach students how to research a topic, properly document that research, and produce a well-organized paper. All students receive instruction and practice in how to avoid plagiarism in their English classes.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, confirm that I give credit in my written work to the individual  
(Print name)

or source from which statistics, quotations, specific unique wording, and information not considered common knowledge has been acquired.

I am also aware of the penalties for plagiarizing the work of another as they are stated below.

- I will receive no credit on the research paper or assignment.
- My Honor Card will be confiscated.
- I will receive two demerits.
- My application for National Honor Society will be delayed to the next semester.
- My membership in the National Honor Society will be brought before the NHS Faculty Committee for consideration of dismissal.
- My name will be brought to the faculty for possible extracurricular probation. This action may involve removal from sports teams or extracurricular activities.

I have read and I understand the necessity of documenting research. I have read and I understand the necessity of documenting and crediting the individuals or sources in written work when I have used statistics, quotes, specific unique wording or information not considered common knowledge. I have read and I understand the penalties for plagiarizing the work of others.

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Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I have read and I understand the Lutheran High School Honor Pledge and the penalties of plagiarism as stated above.

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Parent or Guardian Signature Date \_\_\_\_\_