

Plagiarism

What is Plagiarism?

- Plagiarism is the intentional or unintentional stealing of another person's words or ideas without appropriately citing the original source.

Why is Plagiarism Wrong?

- **Theft:** It involves stealing something that belongs to another person.
- **Cheating:** Plagiarism is a form of cheating, which is academically dishonest and can lead to severe disciplinary action, including failing grades and school expulsion.
- **Loss of Learning Opportunity:** It robs students of meaningful learning opportunities.

What Counts as Plagiarism:

- Using a source's exact words without quotation marks and a citation.
- Paraphrasing/rewriting a source's ideas without a citation.
- Passing off text generated by ChatGPT or another AI generator as your own.

How to Avoid Plagiarism:

- Use in-text citations
 - Quote and cite all words copied directly from a source.
 - Example 1: Smith writes, "Lakeland is a great college" (25).
 - Example 2: According to an online article written by Jones and White, "Kirtland is experiencing higher than normal levels of snow this winter."
 - Cite all ideas/information learned from a source, even when it is paraphrased (rewritten in your own words).
 - Example 1: Lakeland is a college worth attending (Smith).
 - Example 2: Although all Northeast Ohio cities are cold this year, Kirtland is also getting hit with more snow (Jones and White).
- Include a Works Cited/ Bibliography/ References page

AI and Plagiarism

- Do not use ChatGPT or other AI generators to create new information (sentences or paragraphs) or to significantly revise/edit the sentences and paragraphs you have written on your own.
- When it comes to AI usage in general, always refer to a course's AI Policy which can be found in the course syllabus.

*For more information on plagiarism and citing sources, visit the Writing Center.