

Plagiarism Pledge

I, _____, do hereby promise that when completing any academic assignment, I will do the following:

- When using or paraphrasing the words or material written by someone else in an assignment of my own, I will give that person credit by naming him or her.
- I will enclose exact material in quotation marks and name the author of the material.
- When paraphrasing or summarizing the work of others, I will rewrite it in my own style and language.
- I will not simply rearrange the words of another person and claim them as my own, nor will I copy and paste from any source.
- I will double-check the accuracy of any quotation I use and any citation I make.
- If I add or change words in a quotation, I will enclose them in brackets.
- I will not change the meaning of words written by another to a different meaning of my own.
- I will provide a bibliography (Works Cited page) of works I use.
- I will use in-text (parenthetical) citations for any idea that is not my own.
- I will complete my own work. I will not ask or allow others to complete any part of my work. This includes parents and other adults, siblings, friends, etc.

This policy is designed to enhance and enrich the academic and ethical education of students at Thomas County Middle School. The information outlined above provides students with guidelines to enable academic judgment and integrity, and to preserve honor.

I have participated in a lesson on plagiarism. In the event of plagiarism, the consequences listed on page 13 of the Student Handbook will be enforced. I also understand that a zero will be given for any assignment where plagiarism has occurred, and that I will not be given a chance to re-do the assignment.

Signed _____ Date _____

I, _____, parent of _____, promise to support my student with academic assignments and allow him/her to complete all parts on his/her own.

Signed _____ Date _____