

Mr. Buchanan’s Plagiarism & Collaboration policies are posted on the internet. They are accessible via his DASD website. Go to [dasd.org](http://dasd.org) and located his website via the staff listings. This document is a compilation of those web pages.

## Plagiarism Policy

Plagiarism is a serious academic offense that will not be tolerated. It is cheating and will be treated as such.

Per the DOWNINGTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD POLICY,

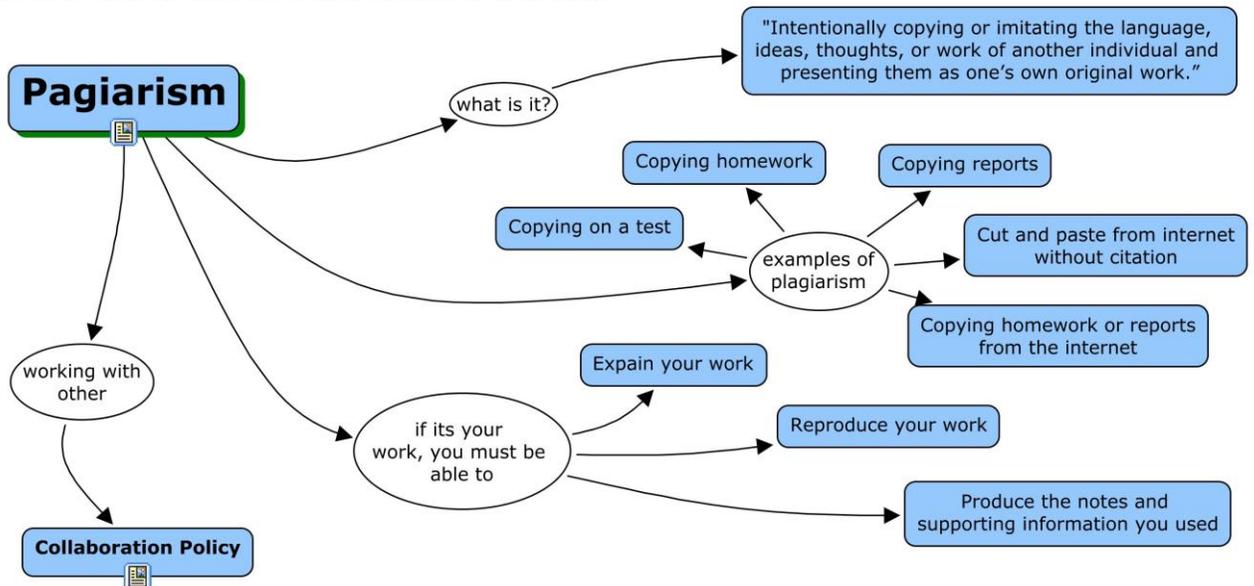
“Students are prohibited from plagiarizing. Plagiarism is intentionally copying or imitating the language, ideas, thoughts, or work of another individual and presenting them as one’s own original work.”

Most students understand that coping word for word from a book without proper citations is plagiarism. There are however many other forms or plagiarism that are just as serious.

## Plagiarism Policy Concept Map

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Please note that some of the blue boxes link to a written explanation and/or an expanded concept map. Click on the icon on the box and follow the link.



## Plagiarism and Collaboration Policies – Mr. Buchanan – Physics Teacher

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The following are also examples of unacceptable plagiarism:

Copying work from other students:

- Copying another student's homework (in part or in full)
- Copying from another student's quiz or test (in part or in full)
- Copying another student's lab report (in part or in full)

Copying from the internet:

- Doing a cut and paste from a web site without proper citations
- Using online answers to homework problems or other assignments
- Copying reports of other assignments (in part or in full) from internet sources

In General:

- Anything other than the original work of the student is plagiaristic

Students are expected to do their own work and avoid the perception of plagiarism. Any student, who misrepresents the work of others as their own, will receive a zero for that assignment and will be referred to the administration for further disciplinary action per DASD policy.

Students should be prepared to prove that the work they turn in is their own. They must be able to:

- Explain their work when asked how they did it
- Reproduce their work on demand
- Produce their notes and the supporting information they used to complete the assignment

**Students who are suspected of plagiarism and who cannot prove that the work they submitted is their own, will not receive credit for the work.**

### Collaboration Policy

Working together with teachers and other students is an important part of the learning process. Collaboration is defined as:

“The act of working together with one or more people in order to achieve something.”

When students collaborate as a part of schoolwork, the “something” that they are trying to achieve is learning. Working in groups is about students helping each other to learn more completely than they would on their own. It is not an excuse to get other people to do your work for you or to divide work up so you don't have to understand it all. **Working in a group does not excuse the individual from learning all the material or doing all his or her own work.**

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During group activities, every member of the group is expected to:

- be responsible for their own learning
- understand what the entire group is doing and why
- assure that everyone understands what the group is doing
- contribute to the group's learning

**Many group activities will be graded based on how well all members of the group learn the material. If any member of the group does not understand what the entire group has done, the entire group's grade will suffer.**