

## **443.9 RULE (2) PLAGIARISM GUIDELINES**

The Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools prohibits plagiarism. It is the objective of WRPS to create and maintain an ethical academic atmosphere in which all work submitted by students represents the true reflection of their effort and ability. The District recognizes that students vary in their understanding of plagiarism. This policy obligates staff to inform and educate students about plagiarism guidelines in relationship to subject matter and grade level. It is the goal of the plagiarism policy and these guidelines to develop responsible behavior among students and staff. Effective instruction about these guidelines should minimize the need for disciplinary action.

WRPS expects student work to be entirely the product of that student regardless of format or medium. Any part of a student work not created originally by the student must be properly cited. Examples of non-original works include quotations, ideas, statistics, graphics, pictures, or reproducing portions of Artificial Intelligence generated content without appropriate citation.

Plagiarism is a type of cheating in which a student attempts to receive academic credit for work prepared by someone or something else, either whole or in part. The following examples are typical of plagiarism:

- Turning in another student's work as your own.
- Copying from a source text without proper citation or documentation.
- Purchasing academic materials and submitting them as original work.
- Paraphrasing materials from a source text without proper documentation.
- Assembling work from a variety of sources without documentation.
- Distributing one's own work so that someone else may claim credit.
- Assisting another student to plagiarize.
- Collaboration not authorized by a teacher.
- Using sources that are not cited.
- Using Artificial Intelligence (AI) generators such as ChatGPT, Google Bard, Dall-E, etc. without proper citations, including stating specifically what portions of the document were generated through AI.

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