



Rock Solid Christian Academy Plagiarism Agreement

Purpose: To make students, parents and staff aware of Rock Solid Christian Academy's position on plagiarism.

Definition: Plagiarize – *“To steal and use the ideas or writings of another as one's own.”* The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language p. 1001, © 1969-1981 Houghton Mifflin Company.

The Rock Solid Christian Academy School Board takes very seriously the academic standards of our institution, especially as it relates to academic works produced by our students. Virtually every academic institution provides a position on plagiarism and Rock Solid Christian Academy seeks to maintain a high standard on this subject as well. Plagiarism is a growing problem and has been increasing with the advent of the internet and various search engines. The idea of searching for and finding ideas, thoughts and words of others that we feel represent our own is a strong temptation, but defeats the purpose of asking our students to develop and express their own thoughts and opinions in writing.

Faculty will provide additional means and methods for citing works which must be followed for students' assignments - please refer to the teacher's syllabus. Faculty members who perceive that an infraction of plagiarism has occurred will discuss the matter with the student and advise the school administration, and if necessary, will take the matter to the School Board. The student will receive a zero for the test or assignment and the assignment must be re-done, per the faculty member's policy on late assignments. The student will meet with the teacher and principal and also write a letter of apology to the teacher. Further disciplinary action for repeated offenses will result in a zero for the assignment, and may result in a zero for the course, suspension, or ultimately dismissal from the school, per the Rock Solid Christian Academy Parent & Student Handbook.

PLAGIARISM AGREEMENT

With my signature below, I acknowledge that I have read the rules, understand, support, and agree to comply with the policies of Rock Solid Christian Academy regarding plagiarism.

Student's Signature Date

Father/Guardian's Signature Date

Mother/Guardian's Signature Date