**Academic Integrity**

Cheating is when a person misleads, deceives, or acts dishonestly on purpose. **Any** misrepresentation of another’s work as one’s own including copying of word, sentences, phrases, paragraphs, images, and entire essays, passages, projects from an undocumented source, musical scores, and other similar work is considered plagiarism/academic dishonesty. Always operate with dignity and honor in order to uphold your character.

**Statement on Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty**

I, current student in Mrs. Graves’ class, have heard the teacher’s discussion of plagiarism, and I understand that I must use research conventions to cite and clearly mark other people’s ideas and words within my work. I understand that plagiarism is an act of intellectual dishonesty. I understand it is academically unethical and unacceptable to do any of the following acts:

* To submit essays written in whole or in part by another student as if it were my own.
* To download an essay from the internet, then quote or paraphrase from it, in whole or in part, without acknowledging the original source.
* To restate a clever phrase verbatim from another writer without acknowledging the source.
* To paraphrase part of another writer’s work without acknowledging the source with a citation.
* To reproduce the substance of another writer’s argument without acknowledging the source.
* To cheat on tests or quizzes through the use of crib sheets, hidden notes, viewing another student’s paper, revealing the answers on my own paper to another student, through verbal or textual communication, sign language, smoke signals, or other means of storing and communicating information, including electronic devices, recording devices, cellular telephones, headsets, and portable computers.
* Providing or receiving information regarding a test, quiz, or essay that has yet to be administered to receiving student.
* To copy another student’s homework and submit the work as if it were the product of my own labor even if the assignment was completed as a group.
* Receiving “help” by allowing another person to complete my assignment

**In short, keep your work original. If you want to use someone else’s work or ideas then give them credit.**

I understand that the consequences for committing any of the previous acts of academic dishonesty will include a zero for the assignment, parent contact, a report to Texas City’s National Honor Society Head, a report to the Junior and Senior AP English teachers, referral to the office, and In‑School Suspension.

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**Consequences for Academic Dishonesty:**

1. A grade of zero given for the assignment to all parties involved;

2. Office referral/permanent documentation in student file;

3. Report to Upper Level AP Teachers and the National Honor Society Head

4. Notification to parents/guardians.

5. In‑School Suspension