



# COALDALE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

*"Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light for my path" Psalm 119:105*  
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## **PLAGIARISM POLICY**

### **What is plagiarism?**

Plagiarism is, essentially, a form of theft. In this case, it is intellectual theft and, while there may be consequences in school and in life, the greatest reason not to plagiarize is because it is dishonest. Forms of plagiarism may include:

- Copying material from various sources, such as books, articles, or other students.
- Paraphrasing without giving credit to the author
- Taking someone else's ideas or arguments and passing them off as your own

As Christians, we should doubly avoid plagiarism, recognizing it as sinful behavior and a serious offence.

### **Addressing plagiarism**

It is important that students be taught about plagiarism so they can better avoid it. In Grades 7-9 courses, students will be instructed about how to acknowledge the work of others. The CCS Writing Handbook includes several ideas and suggestions about how to avoid plagiarism.

### **Consequences of plagiarism**

Recognizing that students of differing grade levels have different levels of education and responsibility, consequences for plagiarism are as follows:

- Students up to and including Grade 9 may be given a chance to resubmit their work.
- Students in Grades 10-12 will, at a minimum, need to redo the assignment, and parents may be notified.
- Repeated offences may result in more severe consequences at the discretion of the teacher and the principal.

Beyond high school, consequences for plagiarism can range from a zero on the assignment, to failure in a course, to expulsion from the school.