

Cheating and Plagiarism

August 5, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

Here at CTCE Health Science Program, our students have both independent work and group work. This “work” can be projects, essays, or hands-on work. In any situation, this work is designed to increase student knowledge and provide an opportunity for the student to demonstrate competency in the subject. This is the foundation of academics. Cheating /plagiarism takes away the opportunity for the student to learn and demonstrate competency in any subject area.

According to Desoto County School Board Policy, cheating on school work is a Level 2 offense, with the minimum of an administrator conference and the maximum of school suspension. According to Webster Dictionary, plagiarism is defined as “taking someone else’s work (such as thoughts, ideas, research) and passing it off as one’s own work without properly identifying the originator”. Should a student be caught cheating on school work or tests, a “0” will be the grade earned. Should a student turn in a plagiarized paper or project, a “0” will be the grade earned. In each instance, the student is not demonstrating their knowledge of the subject area, but instead demonstrating their lack of learning or knowledge.

To help students understand and avoid plagiarism, we will have a short tutorial in class covering this topic. In addition, I have included some situations that would be considered cheating and plagiarism. Please review these situations.

Cheating: receiving or copying someone else’s answer to your work such as class work, homework, tests, or projects. This can also include PowerPoint presentations or Prezis. It is also considered cheating if you give your information to another student or you allow another student to copy your work. **Lastly, if you cut and paste from the internet, this is cheating/plagiarism unless it is documented properly.**

Here at CTCE Health Science Program, we would love for your child to succeed and excel at school work. Learning the information is the basis of all education and demonstrating that knowledge is part of the teacher-student relationship. Our hope is that the knowledge gained here in our program helps your student choose a career pathway that provides for their future. Through this endeavor, we aim to improve both our students and our community. Please sign this letter acknowledging cheating and plagiarism, our policy and procedures, and the Desoto County School Board Policy Code of Discipline and return to CTCE by **Monday, August 12, 2019.**

Thank you,

Dana Cashion, Health Science Instructor

Student Name _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____