

What is Plagiarism?

and how do I avoid it...

The Palomar College Student Handbook defines plagiarism as, **“the representation of the ideas or words of another as your own.”**

TAKE THE PLAGIARISM QUIZ

What will happen if I plagiarize?

Plagiarism may result in penalties ranging from failing an assignment to expulsion from the College District. (Palomar Student Handbook & Standards of Conduct)

How do I avoid plagiarism?

Give credit to the original author by citing your sources.

- Quote and cite phrases, sentences, paragraphs, statistics, charts, graphs and drawings taken directly from the original source.
- When you paraphrase or summarize, give credit to the original author.
- Learn how to use the writing style (APA, MLA, etc.) assigned by your instructor.

Where can I get more help?

Ask your instructor, visit the Palomar College Library, or visit SDSU’s online guide, ‘Plagiarism: The Crime of Intellectual Kidnapping’ <http://infotutor.sdsu.edu/plagiarism/>

Which of the following are examples of Plagiarism?

- Buying, stealing or borrowing a paper
- Copying someone else’s sentences, phrases, or paragraphs and presenting them as your own
- Using someone else’s ideas, logic, or outline without giving the original author credit
- Replacing select words from a sentence or paragraph without giving the original author credit
- Copying an image, video, graph, or chart from someone else’s work without giving the original author credit
- Re-writing a paper that is based on a paper written by someone else
- Submitting your own paper in more than one course

Answer: ALL of the above acts are considered plagiarism, accidental or not.

