

APUSH Academic Integrity Policy and Contract

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This document is a contract between the student, parent, and teacher. By signing each portion you acknowledge your understanding of the school's policy on plagiarism, APUSH's definition of collaboration, and the school's consequences for plagiarism. Each student will be giving TWO copies of this contract. One will be signed by student and parent prior to getting the summer work. The second will be kept by the student for his or her records.

Braintree High School's Definition of Plagiarism:

Braintree High School PRIDES itself on students putting forth their own best efforts and their best work on a daily basis. With that in mind, we maintain this academic Integrity Policy to ensure that students are meeting these high standards:

Definitions of Plagiarism

Plagiarism includes the following:

- Copying verbatim words, expressions, or ideas directly from another source without giving proper credit
- Paraphrasing written ideas from a source and rewriting in one's own words without attributing to the author
- Adapting an idea from another source* without giving proper credit
- Downloading material from a website or any other source without citing that source in full
- Copying includes copying passages, sentences, or parts of sentence
- Purchasing academic material from a website or any other source and submitting it as one's own work
- Not following the prescribed method of citation as set forth by the teacher for the assignment

By signing you acknowledge your understanding of BHS's definition of plagiarism:

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Definitions of Student Collaboration in APUSH

Students in APUSH are welcomed and encouraged to work together on any and all aspects of the coursework. Through collaboration and the sharing of ideas student learning is enhanced and more meaningful insights are made. However, when students work together on an assignment where they are asked to submit work individually there is a CLEAR EXPECTATION THAT THE FINAL PRODUCT PRODUCED IS THE CREATION OF THEIR OWN INDIVIDUAL EFFORTS. More simply put, students CAN COLLABORATE ON ANYTHING, but when it comes time complete the assignment the INDIVIDUAL MUST BE THE SOLE CREATOR. Additionally, many assignments in APUSH allow for many possible “correct” answers. Therefore, responses that are similar in structure or content are not always likely outcomes.

By signing you acknowledge you understand the difference between collaboration and plagiarism:

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

What happens when your work is questioned for plagiarism?

Braintree High School’s Disciplinary Procedure is clear:

Disciplinary Procedure

- When a teacher suspects that a violation of the Academic Integrity policy has occurred, he/she will meet with the student’s Housemaster to review the incident.
- The student will meet with the Housemaster and the teacher to review the issue. If necessary, the appropriate consequences will be implemented.
- Parents will be notified by the teacher, and any appeals will be directed to the appropriate Housemaster.

Tier 1: Red

A red violation results in an in-school suspension and a zero on the assignment. Examples include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Any act that involves a willful or deceitful use of material that is not of the student’s own creation
- Using online translator in a foreign language class
- Copying or plagiarizing at least 20% of a test, paper, or assessment
- Using unauthorized notes or electronic devices in testing environment
- Obtaining an examination ahead of authorized issue

- Copying, allowing copying, or collaborating where prohibited in any testing/assessment environment
- Copying homework

Tier 2: Yellow

A yellow violation results in up to three detentions. The student's work will earn a grade between 50% and 100% of the projected earned grade, at the teacher's discretion. An accumulation of three yellow violations results in red consequences for the third and any future violations. Examples include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Any act, intentional or not, that serves to create an unfair advantage for the offender while disadvantaging the other member of the class
- Sharing individually-graded personal work with another student
- Unauthorized use of CliffsNotes, SparkNotes, or similar study resources or use of these resources when expressly prohibited
- Improperly or inadequately citing up to 20% of a paper, even if an effort to cite is evident
- Looking at another student's work during a test

By signing you agree to accept the consequences if your work is found to be plagiarized:

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____