Student Guide to Avoiding Plagiarism

Plagiarism is:

- Using another’s ideas or words without citing the original source.
- Buying a paper or having someone else write for you.
- Prohibited in Ashworth’s Student Handbook.
- Very easy to detect.

How to avoid Plagiarism:

Use (1) paraphrasing, (2) quotations and (3) APA citations when using someone else’s ideas. When in doubt, include a citation.

- Paraphrasing: When you use someone else’s ideas, restate them in your own words
- Quotation: Use quotation marks (“”) when you use someone else’s exact words.
- Citations: When quoting or paraphrasing, use an APA citation at the end of the sentence to tell what source you used. Then, include a full reference at the end of your paper. To learn how to cite, check out Ashworth’s Citation Guides.

Examples:

Original Statement from source:

“Quotation marks should be used to indicate the exact words of another. Each time you paraphrase another author, you need to credit the source in the text.” - APA publication manual, page 15

Paraphrase:

The APA Publication Manual explains that authors are expected to give credit to others for their prior work when it is quoted or paraphrased. (APA, 2010)

Quotation:

APA style mandates that students should use quotation marks to “indicate the exact words of another.” (APA, 2010)

APA Citation:


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- For help with citations or plagiarism. Check out the Ashworth LRC Writing Lab.