Plagiarism/Cheating
The Prairie Star Middle School plagiarism expectations are consistent with the Blue Valley High School plagiarism policy.

Copying of another person’s ideas and/or works, whether intentional or not, in whole or in part, from a print or non-print source, and using those ideas or works as one’s own, whether for written, visual, or spoken assignments/products.

Examples:
- word-for-word or image-for-image copying of material without quotation marks and/or attribution.
- Copying computer programs, disks, classroom tests, homework, reports
- Surrendering or distributing one’s work for another’s use.
- Deliberate and/or consistent lack of proper documentation and citation in a project or paper.
- In-text documentation that is not reflected in a Works Cited page.

Consequences
Level 1
Occurs due to ignorance or inexperience on the part of the student.
- Student will rewrite or resubmit the assignment or a comparable assignment.
- Parent contact by the teacher
- Teacher discretion will apply towards a possible reduction of grade.

Level 2
An intentional and purposeful incidence of plagiarism. Examples include use of one or more instances of another’s ideas or works without correct citation, improperly acquiring information and/or intentionally altering it, directly copying of another’s work, and submitting another’s work as one’s own.
- Student will rewrite or resubmit the assignment or comparable assignment.
- Parent contact by teacher
- Office referral = parent contact by administrator, possible impact upon extracurricular involvement
- Teacher discretion will apply towards a reduction of grade in consultation with an administrator.

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