

## Senior Project Ethics Policy

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Your own ethical behavior ensures the integrity of your Senior Project. Conducting yourself ethically while working on the Senior Project means doing the right thing as you work on all parts of this project.

One obvious ethical violation is plagiarism. GTCHS has a policy regarding plagiarism that also applies to the Senior Project. This policy can be found in the student handbook. According to Merriam-Webster's Dictionary, plagiarism is defined as "to steal and pass off (the ideas, words, or work of another) as one's own without crediting the source." This would include using AI to write or create any portion of the project.

Another kind of plagiarism that applies to this project is the act of passing off someone else's work as your own, particularly in regards to the product phase of the project. If someone else completes any part of your product, you are not allowed to pass off the work as your own.

Lying and forgery will not be tolerated in any aspect of the Senior Project and will result in a grade of a zero on any work connected to the lying and/or forgery.

Students suspected of academic dishonesty will be required to appear before the Senior Project Committee and demonstrate the originality of all their Senior Project work. The committee will then determine the action to be taken.

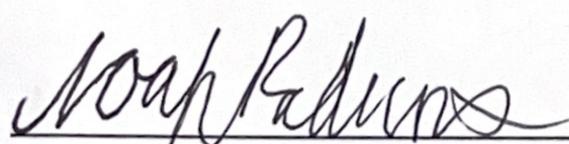
The best way to avoid plagiarism is simply to give credit where it is due and not use AI generated writing. If you have any questions, ask your teacher.

Ethical behavior also extends into presenting yourself truthfully and honestly during the final presentation portion of the project. You are not allowed to embellish the truth; if your project did not go as planned, or even if it failed altogether, you must be honest.

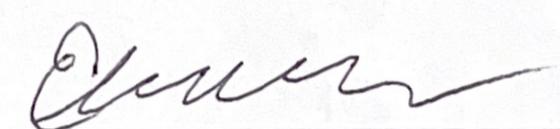
If it is suspected that you have behaved unethically during any phase of the project, you will be required to meet with the Senior Project Committee, which will determine your penalty. Parents will be notified of the meeting and the purpose of the meeting. They are permitted to attend, but only the student will be allowed to participate in the meeting. You and your parents will be informed of their decision if they determine that in fact your behavior was unethical.

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We acknowledge that we understand and will abide by the ethical behavior policy and accept appropriate consequences as determined by the Senior Project Committee in the event of a violation.

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Student's Signature and Date

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Parent's Signature and Date