

## **DIRECTIONS:**

*First print these worksheets. Then read the article below on Academic Honesty Policy. When you are finish reading, handwrite your answers on the worksheets which follow.*

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with you, so you \_\_\_\_\_ the information on your own.

**Plagiarism:** Using the work of another person and calling it your own is plagiarism.

Plagiarism is another form of \_\_\_\_\_. For instance, if you quote or summarize another person's words without stating who had originally made the statements, you would be plagiarizing their work.

### Other Forms of Academic Dishonesty

**Abuse of school property:** Mutilating, destroying, \_\_\_\_\_, or stealing resource materials from the classroom or the media center, \_\_\_\_\_ on bathroom walls or desks and damaging desktop or laptop computers in any way are behaviors that are punishable behaviors not consistent with \_\_\_\_\_.

What do they mean by consistent in the above paragraph?

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**Computer misuse:** \_\_\_\_\_ or illegal use of computer at School is prohibited and a violation of the honor code and code of conduct. New York State has also passed \_\_\_\_\_ that apply to you own computer or cell phone. Violating these laws can be very serious.

What do they mean by "unauthorized" in the above paragraph?

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**Fabrication and Falsification:** It is not acceptable to make up statistics or facts to use in your work or to claim to use a resource on a paper or project that you have made up. Unless you are told to imagine or make something up, or to write fiction, you should stick with facts that can be verified.

Look up the word "verified" in the dictionary.

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Are the words Falsification and Verification synonymous or antonymous? EXPLAIN:

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**Complicity:** If you help another student to \_\_\_\_\_ or otherwise \_\_\_\_\_ the honor code, you are just as \_\_\_\_\_ as the other student. For example, if you see that a student is \_\_\_\_\_ your work, and you do not \_\_\_\_\_ your answers or take some action to stop it, you are also \_\_\_\_\_.

**Bearing false witness:** Falsely accusing another student of academic \_\_\_\_\_ is considered \_\_\_\_\_.