

# INFORMATION AND MEDIA LITERACY



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# Argument

- - We live in an era of high technology, of virtual world development, of an invasion of information from the Internet, and yet we need the development of human personality, of strong characters, of creativity and progress in order to live in a society of human values and not in a society of machines.
  - In the same time with the development of new technologies (the Internet), the number of plagiarism cases has increased.



# Argument

- Therefore, specific measures are necessary and there is a need of education in the educational institutions regarding the fact that, computer programs, information and databases are works protected by copyright, including the consequences that follow after the violation of these rights.
- Thus, schools and universities are committed to teach students how to become ethical users of information and ideas.
- It is our responsibility not only to educate students in the research process of writing and proper documentation, but also to keep these students responsible for honest work.



# The definition of plagiarism

- **Plagiarism** is defined as:
  - Copying another person's ideas and/or works, whether intentional or not, entirely or only a part, from a print or non-print source, and using those ideas or works as one's own.
  - Deliberate and/or consistent lack of proper documentation and citation in the project or paper.
- Any form of academic dishonesty by plagiarism is a serious offense. It is therefore essential that each student to understand the standards of academic honesty, and how plagiarism can be avoided.



# Why do students plagiarize?

- The pressure of “I need to graduate” or “I need credit to advance”
- Poor research
- Poor time management skills
- The pressure of “I need to maintain high grades”
- Poor assignment by teachers
- Just do not want to do the work



## The objectives to combat plagiarism

- To understand the seriousness of plagiarism and the penalties that might arise from this fact
- To learn about the strategies for avoiding plagiarism
- To practise the procedures in order to avoid plagiarism (correct citation, quotes, use our own ideas)
- To clarify the requirements of an academic paper
- To develop a correct attitude, moral values and honest behaviour



## You are plagiarizing if you...

- are copying from published sources without adequate documentation
- are purchasing and submitting pre-written papers
- are letting someone else write your paper
- are paying someone to write your paper
- are submitting someone's unpublished work as your own
- are cutting and pasting from websites and don't give credit
- are changing every 5th word and don't give credit
- are changing pronouns (he/she/they) and don't give credit



## The school policy

The schools and universities are committed to teach students how to become ethical users of information and ideas. It is our responsibility not only to educate students in the research process of writing and proper documentation, but also to keep these students aware for honest work. Plagiarism is regarded as a serious offense and it mustn't be tolerated in any other institution of higher learning.



## The school policy

- The school actively promotes students to be independent.

The school promotes personal development, helping students become independent and critical, and plagiarism means that students are neither independent nor critical.



## Guidance for students

- **Don't consider the materials published on the Internet as being your property! The author is somebody else!**
- **Be unique! Be original! Put the stamp of your personality on any paper!**
- **Add value to the information; don't let the information to overshadow your personality!**



# Guidance for students

- **Discover the values of humanity gathered for thousands of years but you must also contribute to their enrichment!**
- **Discover new things around you and discover also your hidden talents. This is the only way to be yourself and don't copy the shadow of others!**



# Students' Responsibilities

- Any item of content over the Internet cannot be copied (reproduced), processed, distributed, displayed, published, downloaded, transferred, sold or used in any other way entirely or a part of it, without the reference elements of the author and the title of the work
- Cite in-text or in-project the sources correctly and accurately
- Follow the correct referencing procedures
- Submit authentic work;
- Follow the project instructions and deadlines assigned by the teacher;
- Ask questions and seek help from appropriate persons



## Guidance for Teachers

- **Prove professionalism, fairness and exigency towards your students and towards yourself!**
- **Require accuracy and quality work from your students and colleagues!**
- **Create a culture of honesty!**



# Guidance for Teachers

- You should always be a positive example for your students!
- Apply policies and procedures to identify inauthentic work and apply appropriate penalties!
- Adapt the technology advantages to the specific of each student's development!
- Do not become addicted to computer, and do not allow students to become addicted either!



# Teachers' Responsibilities

- ***Teachers are responsible for:***
  - ✓ Assisting students who have difficulty regarding the location and evaluation of information;
  - ✓ Assisting students how to manage time and deadlines throughout the research process;
  - ✓ Discussing with students on the format and on the composition of a project or paper.

