



Dear Parent or Guardian,

The goal of the Fairfield Public Schools is to ensure that every child will achieve to the best of his or her personal and academic ability. The Fairfield Public Schools value academic integrity as the cornerstone of promoting the academic, social, and ethical development of our students. To that end, all Fairfield Public School students must practice honesty and integrity by not participating in or encouraging plagiarism or misrepresentation of original work.

To ensure that students abide by these requirements, and to educate our students about the importance of academic integrity, many of the academic departments at our high schools utilize the services of Turnitin. Turnitin.com is a secure, web based service that, according to the Turnitin website, "allows educators to check students' work for improper citation or potential plagiarism by comparing it against continuously updated databases." The service identifies similarities among existing sources and/or other student work. In turn, Turnitin also protects the academic integrity of all students.

Students who submit their work to Turnitin.com retain the copyright to the work they have created.

Turnitin offers additional services that our teachers use for teaching and learning. Teachers can provide online, timely feedback on student writing, align student writing to rubrics, organize writing into an online folder, and allow for online discussion about student writing, all within a safe and secure browser.

More than 3500 higher education institutions use Turnitin services. By using Turnitin during high school, Fairfield Public School students will be prepared for the experiences and expectations of college.

Turnitin.com's user agreement requires parental permission for students from the ages of 14 to 17 to use their services. Therefore, we are asking all parents and guardians to review this agreement regardless of whether their child currently has a Turnitin account or is creating an account for the first time.

If you have checked the box on the online registration portal, or through the demographic update portal there is no need to sign this form as your electronic signature has been applied.

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**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Yes, I have reviewed my child's account, or I have created a new Turnitin account for my child, and by doing so, I provide permission for my child to use Turnitin services.**

**No, I do not provide permission for my child to use Turnitin services.**

**Parent Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Once signed, this agreement will apply to all subsequent years unless the agreement is withdrawn in writing by the parent/guardian**