

# PLAGIARISM POLICY

*The Stoa Speech and Debate league does not allow plagiarism in any competitive event. Every competitor is responsible to ensure that they do not engage in plagiarism in any form. If any competitor(s) are found to have engaged in plagiarism during competition, tournament officials may take appropriate action against the competitor(s).*

## What is plagiarism?

- 1. To steal and pass off the ideas or words of another as one's own*
- 2. To present as new and original an idea derived from an existing source*

~ Merriam-Webster

## INTERPS

### What is considered interpretive plagiarism?

*Copying someone else's speech, cutting, or blocking*

*Stoa Preparation Rule : The competitor must create a completely original interpretation of literature. Competitors may not copy the added words, cutting, and/or blocking of a previous speech and/or video*

### HOW TO AVOID

#### Be Original



Competitors must create an original rendition.

#### Source



Cut from the original source material (book, short story, play, etc.)

#### No Copying



Do not model cutting or blocking after someone else's speech.

# PLATFORMS

## What is considered platform plagiarism?

*Copying exact words or paraphrasing without giving credit to the author*

*Stoa Preparation Rule: Any information that comes from source material must be cited orally within the body of the speech. Use of another person's words or ideas without crediting them is plagiarism and is strictly forbidden.*

### HOW TO AVOID

#### Research



Keep track of all sources.

#### Writing



Properly cite all sources: direct quotes, ideas, paraphrases, and statistics.

#### Delivery



Be clear which ideas are yours and which belong to a source.

# LIMITED PREP

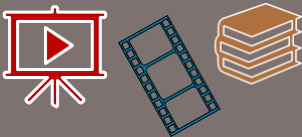
## What is considered limited prep plagiarism?

*Using someone's words or ideas without giving credit to the author*

*Stoa Presentation Rule: When quoting information or data from an outside source, the source must be verbally cited during the speech. Use of another person's words or ideas without crediting them is plagiarism and is strictly forbidden.*

### HOW TO AVOID

#### Research



Document your sources.

#### Preparation



Craft an original speech.

#### Delivery



Be clear which ideas are yours and site your source.