



### **What Is Turnitin?**

Turnitin is an online tool used by over 15,000 institutions worldwide to check student assignments for originality. The use of Turnitin encourages students to write with originality and to properly cite unoriginal material. It allows faculty members to assess submitted assignments for possible plagiarism.

### **How Does Turnitin Work?**

Teachers set up classes in the program and add an assignment. Students register by clicking on a link emailed to them from Turnitin or by going to Turnitin.com and using the Class ID and password given to them by their teacher. Students then submit papers by file upload or copying and pasting their paper into the space provided.

### **Turnitin Tools**

#### **OriginalityCheck**

OriginalityCheck compares the student – submitted paper to over 24 million pages on the Internet and online databases. It highlights any matches and directs the instructor to the original source. It does not accuse the student of plagiarizing. The teacher then makes the decision of whether or not the student correctly gave credit to the original source.

#### **GradeMark**

GradeMark allows the teacher to grade the assignment within the Turnitin program with drag-and-drop comments or by typing their own comments. The teacher can attach rubrics to each assignment and grade the paper electronically.

#### **PeerMark**

Teachers can use PeerMark to facilitate student-to-student review and feedback on their assignments. The teacher sets up a peer-reviewed assignment with standard or customized questions. The Turnitin program can randomly choose partners or the teacher may assign partners. Teachers may choose to have the papers reviewed anonymously.

### **Plagiarism**

*Plagiarism in the digital age is a growing concern according to studies and anecdotal evidence. Students at Phillipsburg High School are taught about plagiarism. They learn what plagiarism is and how to avoid it by correctly giving credit to original source material cited in their assignments.*

*This tool, available to teachers and students, heightens awareness of the issue and further dissuades students from either intentionally or unintentionally plagiarizing.*

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