

# **Niagara Falls High School**

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Dear Parent,

This year NFHS will continue to use an online tool, Turnitin.com, to help students write more effectively. With Turnitin.com, teachers are able to compare student assignments with the students' original sources, check for similarities to other students' papers, and evaluate proper citation formatting. This company is run out of California and is an internationally recognized service used by universities and colleges worldwide.

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Many high schools and colleges, and even some admission offices, use Turnitin.com. The Niagara Falls City School District chose Turnitin.com as part of its ongoing program to prepare our high school students to be college and career ready.

If you would like further information, feel free to contact the Niagara Falls High School library or your child's English or social studies teacher.

Sincerely Yours,

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