

## BLACKBOARD - SafeAssign in Blackboard

SafeAssign is plagiarism prevention tool that promotes academic integrity with your student's homework submissions.

- ✓ Checks the originality of homework submission to identify areas of overlap with other submissions.
- ✓ Compares the student's assignment against several databases
  1. **Global Reference Database:** Contains over 15 million papers volunteered by students from Blackboard client institutions to help prevent cross-institutional plagiarism
  2. **Institutional document archives:** Contains all the papers submitted to SafeAssign by users in their respective institutions
  3. **Internet:** Searches across the broader internet for matching text using an internal search service
  4. **ProQuest ABI/Inform Journal Database:** More than 3,000 publication titles, 4.5 million documents, and over 200 topical categories

### ONCE SUBMITTED SAFEASSIGN:

Generates Originality Reports. These reports:

- ✓ Contain details the percentage of text in the submitted paper that matches existing sources.
- ✓ Identify all matching blocks of text. Instructors and students need to determine if the matching text is properly referenced.
- ✓ Display the list of potential sources, and each source is highlighted in a different color. The report can display up to 30 colors to represent 30 different sources.

### INTERPRETING THE RESULTS:

Once you receive your SafeAssign originality report for your student's submissions, it's important to understand how you can interpret the results.

- **A score of less than <15%** - typically include some quotes and few common phrases or blocks of text that match other documents. These papers generally do not require further analysis.
- **A score of 15% to 40%** - include extensive quoted or paraphrased material and/or they may include plagiarism. These papers should be reviewed to determine if the matching content is properly attributed.

- **A score of greater than >40%** has a very high probability that text in this paper was copied from other sources. These papers include quoted or paraphrased text in excess and should be reviewed for plagiarism.

**SUPPORTED FILE TYPES:**

- DOCX, DOC, (ODT, RTF, TXT) PPT, PPTX, PDF, HTML, AND HTM
- SafeAssign **does not** support spreadsheet files.
- SafeAssign also accepts ZIP files and processes files that match of these file types.