

School Board Policy

Use of Artificial Intelligence in K-12 Education

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish clear guidelines governing the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in district schools in order to:

1. Protect parental rights and student privacy;
 2. Preserve the central role of teachers in instruction;
 3. Maintain academic integrity; and
 4. Ensure transparency and accountability in the use of emerging technologies.
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II. DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this policy:

- **Artificial Intelligence (AI):**
Any software system that performs tasks normally requiring human intelligence, including machine learning, natural language processing, predictive analytics, or automated decision-making.
 - **Generative AI:**
Artificial intelligence capable of producing new text, images, audio, video, or other content.
 - **Student Data:**
Any information directly related to an identifiable student, including academic records, behavioral data, biometric identifiers, or online activity.
 - **Parent:**
A parent or legal guardian of a student enrolled in the district.
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III. PARENTAL NOTICE AND CONSENT

1. The district shall provide parents, at least annually, with written notice identifying:
 - All AI tools approved for use;
 - The vendors providing such tools;
 - The categories of student data collected; and
 - The instructional purpose of each tool.

2. A school entity shall not require or permit a student to use artificial intelligence or generative artificial intelligence as part of instruction or school-sponsored activities without first obtaining written, opt-in parental consent.
3. Parents may revoke consent to any AI-based tools, assignments, or assessments at any time. Students who opt out shall not be academically penalized or denied access to core instruction.

IV. INSTRUCTIONAL SAFEGUARDS

1. Artificial intelligence shall not replace a certified teacher in providing core academic instruction or assigning final grades.
2. AI may be used only as a supplemental instructional tool under direct teacher supervision.
3. The district shall not deploy AI systems that:
 - Profile or categorize students based on political beliefs, religious beliefs, or personal values;
 - Conduct psychological, emotional, or behavioral assessments without explicit parental consent; or
 - Make automated disciplinary, grading, or placement decisions without meaningful human review.
4. All AI-generated instructional content must be reviewed and approved by a certified teacher before being used with students.

V. STUDENT DATA AND PRIVACY PROTECTIONS

1. AI systems used by the district shall collect only the minimum student data necessary to achieve an approved educational purpose.
2. Student data:
 - Remains the property of the student and parent;
 - Shall not be sold, shared, licensed, or used for commercial advertising or profiling; and
 - Shall be retained only as long as necessary and deleted in accordance with district records-retention policies and applicable law.
3. The district and its vendors shall not collect, store, or analyze biometric data, including facial recognition data, voiceprints, or emotional analysis, without case-specific written parental consent.

VI. ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

1. The district shall adopt and enforce policies governing student use of generative AI for coursework.
2. Students may not use generative AI to complete graded assignments unless expressly authorized by a teacher for a defined instructional purpose.
3. Unauthorized use of AI may be addressed under existing academic integrity or student conduct policies.

VII. TRANSPARENCY AND REPORTING

1. The district shall maintain publicly accessible information identifying approved AI tools and their intended educational uses.
2. Parents shall be notified promptly of any unauthorized disclosure or data breach involving student data collected through AI systems.

VIII. OVERSIGHT AND COMPLIANCE

1. The Superintendent or designee shall:
 - Approve all AI tools prior to district use;
 - Ensure compliance with this policy; and
 - Provide guidance and training to staff as appropriate.
2. Vendors providing AI services shall be contractually required to comply with this policy and all applicable student privacy laws.

IX. CONSTRUCTION

Nothing in this policy shall be construed to:

1. Require the use of artificial intelligence in instruction;
2. Limit parental authority over a child's education; or
3. Expand district control over curriculum beyond existing board authority.

X. EFFECTIVE DATE

This policy shall take effect upon adoption by the School Board.