

Florence School District #14-1	NEPN Code: IIBFA
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USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TECHNOLOGY

This policy sets parameters for utilization of artificial intelligence (AI) technology within the District, by students and employees. The purpose of this policy is to ensure fair and equitable academic assessments, promote critical thinking, and maintain an equal playing field for all students.

AI technology includes any form of digital content, such as text, images, videos or audio, that is created by artificial intelligence systems without direct human intervention. These AI systems use advanced algorithms and machine learning techniques, natural language processing, or automated decision-making systems to generate content that mimics human creativity and decision-making processes.

Student Use

Students are prohibited from incorporating AI technology into their assignments or projects, unless instructional staff tells students that AI can be used for a specific assignment, portion of assignment, or project. Student assignments and projects must rely solely on human effort and intellect.

Students must uphold the principles of academic integrity by submitting work that is solely their own, demonstrating their knowledge, skills and abilities acquired through personal effort and study. The use of AI technology in assignments and projects undermines the authenticity and individuality of students' work.

Students are encouraged to explore and utilize a wide range of technological tools and resources that are not AI-dependent to enhance their assignments and projects. This includes traditional research methods, computer programs, software applications, and other non-AI-based tools that support academic learning and creativity. AI technology may be used for clarification or explanations to understand complex texts or to assist in brainstorming ideas, topics, and writing prompts. Any such use should be cited. Students may not pass off any AI technology as their own work, such as by copying text or images from AI programs without proper attribution. Text or images copied directly from AI generated content must be properly cited. Other uses of AI must be clearly described at the end of the assignment or project.

If instructional staff allow student use of AI technology in connection with a specific project or assignment, students must use AI only as permitted. Students must disclose the AI tool used, and attribute and cite AI text and images properly when used in the student's work.

A student who uses AI technology without permission, who uses it in an improper way,

or who otherwise violates this policy will constitute a violation of the District's code of conduct, cheating, plagiarism, and/or academic dishonesty policy, and/or provisions stated in the student handbook, and will be subject to student discipline.

Staff Use

The District recognizes that staff may use AI technology to assist in tasks such as creating lesson plans, augmenting grading efficiency and consistency, designing assignments, and streamlining administrative tasks. However, overreliance on AI technology is discouraged. Instructional staff should be mindful of concerns around the use of AI products such as student privacy, data privacy and security, plagiarism, bias, equity considerations, academic integrity, misinformation and inaccuracies based on the data used to train the AI generated content.

Instructional staff using AI technology must ensure that the AI technology tool complies with the District's security and privacy policies and federal and state laws and regulations, including but not limited to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Allowing student use of AI technology in a specific assignment or project must be to support or enhance students' learning and critical thinking, not bypass or replace it. If students are instructed that they may use AI in an assignment or project, instructional staff must first communicate to the students the extent to which students may use AI technology for that specific project or assignment and the opportunities and prohibited uses of AI tools. Students should be instructed on the potential risks of using AI and what responsible use looks like, including safety cautions about sharing personal data with AI platforms. Instructional staff should also communicate to students that AI programs can have implicit bias, and will be time-constrained as most AI platforms do not have data for the last 24 months, and that students should think critically and fact-check using primary sources, as AI can generate fake results.