

APPENDIX A: USE OF TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES IN INSTRUCTION

Student and Parent/Legal Guardian User Agreement

The District provides students with a variety of technology resources, including electronic devices, software, and means of electronic communication. The District believes the resources available offer significant opportunities for teaching and learning; however, the technology must be used in a responsible manner. While the District provides protection from harmful material through the use of filtering software, the teacher and the student have the ultimate responsibility for using the technology according to District guidelines and policy.

Terms and Conditions

Students are responsible for their actions involving District technology, along with personal files, passwords, and accounts. Uses and activities that are expressly prohibited include:

- accessing or downloading VPNs or other proxy-avoiding extensions with the intent of bypassing District security features and filtering;
- accessing, submitting, transmitting, posting, publishing, forwarding, downloading, scanning, or displaying materials that are defamatory, abusive, obscene, vulgar, sexually explicit, sexually suggestive, threatening, discriminatory, harassing, and/or illegal;
- soliciting or distributing information with the intent to threaten, harass, or bully others;
- using District technology for any illegal activity or activity that violates other Board policies, procedures, and/or school rules;
- copying or downloading copyrighted materials, including software, without the permission of the copyright owner or express authorization of the student's teacher or principal;
- representing as one's own work any materials obtained on the internet, such as term papers and articles (when internet sources are used in student work, the author, publisher, and website must be identified);
- sharing passwords, using other users' passwords without permission, and/or accessing other users' accounts;
- any malicious use, disruption, or harm to the school's technology devices, networks, and internet services, including, but not limited to, hacking activities and creating or uploading malware;
- accessing social networks without specific authorization from the supervising teacher; and
- misuse of a school name or logo on a personal website that gives the reader the impression that the website is an official school or District website.

The District retains control, custody, and supervision of all District technology. The District reserves the right to monitor student usage of all District technology. Students have no right of privacy in their use of District technology, including email and stored files.

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

As emerging technologies like artificial intelligence (AI) and Natural Language Processing (NLP) become more prevalent, our District is proactively developing principles to guide the safe, effective, and responsible use of these tools for student learning.

Students are required to rely on their own knowledge, skills, and resources when completing school work. In order to ensure the integrity of the educational process and to promote fair and equal opportunities for all students, the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Natural Language Processing (NLP) tools (collectively, "AI/NLP tools") is strictly prohibited for the completion of school work except as outlined below. The use of AI/NLP tools, without the express permission/consent of a teacher, undermines the learning and problem-solving skills that are essential to academic success and that staff is tasked with developing in each student. Students are encouraged to develop their own knowledge, skills, and understanding of course material rather than relying solely on AI/NLP tools, and they should ask their teachers when they have questions and/or need assistance. Unauthorized use of AI/NLP tools is considered a form of plagiarism, and any student found using these tools without permission or in a prohibited manner will be disciplined in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

Notwithstanding the preceding, students may use AI/NLP tools in the school setting if they receive prior permission/consent from their teacher, so long as they use the AI/NLP tools in an ethical and responsible manner. Teachers have the discretion to authorize students to use AI/NLP tools for the following: