

SCMS Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy

At Santiago Charter Middle School (SCMS), we believe that Artificial Intelligence (AI) can be a valuable tool in enhancing the educational experience. AI programs may be used to supplement or support student learning by offering additional resources or facilitating differentiated instruction; however, it is essential that AI be used responsibly and ethically. Students may use AI tools to research new concepts or receive guidance, but these tools should not be a substitute for a student's own effort. The primary role of AI is to enrich the learning process, not to complete or replace student work.

To ensure the effective and ethical use of AI, all students are expected to adhere to the following guidelines:

- AI tools should only be used as a means to support independent thinking and creativity, not as a shortcut to complete assignments.
- Students must submit work that is their own, and any assistance they received from AI should be documented or referenced.
- Teachers will provide guidance on the appropriate use of AI in their classrooms and will explicitly state their policy, including consequences, in their classroom syllabus.

At SCMS, we will continue to review and update our AI policy to keep up to date with technological growth and student educational needs, ensuring that our students receive a 21st-century education while also maintaining academic integrity and personal responsibility.