

New Heights Charter School
Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy

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Introduction

This policy outlines the responsible use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies within New Heights Charter School. Our goal is to leverage AI to enhance learning, promote student achievement, and ensure responsible and ethical practices in our educational environment.

Guiding Principles

- **Student-Centered Approach:** AI should be used to support and empower students in their learning journey.
- **Equity and Fairness:** We commit to using AI tools that are free from bias and promote inclusive learning opportunities.
- **Transparency and Explainability:** AI systems and their decisions should be transparent and understandable to students, educators, and parents.
- **Data Privacy and Security:** Student data will be collected, stored, and used in accordance with all applicable privacy laws like FERPA and COPPA.
- **Human Oversight:** AI will be used to complement and support the expertise of educators, not replace them.

Permitted Uses of AI

- **Personalized Learning:** AI can be used to provide personalized learning experiences, identify student strengths and weaknesses, and offer targeted interventions.
- **Adaptive Learning Platforms:** AI-powered platforms can adapt to individual student needs and pace, offering a more dynamic learning experience.
- **Content Creation and Delivery:** AI can be used to create interactive learning materials, translate content, or generate practice problems.
- **Feedback and Assessment:** AI can offer automated feedback on student work or quizzes, freeing up educator time for deeper analysis.
- **Accessibility Tools:** AI tools can be used to support students with disabilities, such as text-to-speech or speech recognition software.

Prohibited Uses of AI

- **Bypassing Learning:** AI tools should not be used to automate tasks or generate content in a way that replaces student effort or critical thinking.
- **Plagiarism and Misinformation:** Using AI to generate plagiarized content or disseminate misinformation is strictly prohibited.
- **Biased Grading:** AI tools should not be used to automate grading in a way that perpetuates bias or undermines professional judgment of educators.
- **Privacy Violations:** AI systems should not collect or analyze student data beyond what is necessary for educational purposes.

Training and Support

- The school will provide training for educators and students on the responsible use of AI, including digital literacy skills and critical thinking techniques for evaluating AI-generated content.
- Technical support will be available for educators and students using AI tools in the classroom.

Evaluation and Monitoring

- The school will establish a process for evaluating AI tools before they are implemented. This will consider factors such as alignment with the curriculum, potential for bias, and security measures.
- The effectiveness and impact of AI tools will be monitored and reviewed regularly.

Accountability and Enforcement

- The developers and providers of AI tools used in the school environment are accountable for ensuring their accuracy, performance, and alignment with educational goals.
- Any misuse of AI tools will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with existing school policies.

Revision and Updates

This policy will be reviewed and updated periodically as AI technologies evolve and best practices develop.