




AI ACCEPTABLE USAGE SCALE

TIER	DESCRIPTION	WHEN TO USE	CITATION	EXAMPLE PROMPT
TIER 1 NO AI 	AI is not used.	Personal reflections, original creative projects.	No citation required.	
TIER 2 AI AS COACH 	Usage is determined and facilitated by the teacher. AI is primarily used for starting points or refinement.	Draft feedback (e.g., structure, clarity), guided problem-solving, concept summaries, key point extraction, brainstorming, and refining ideas.	K-3: Verbal explanation 4-5: Brief note ("AI helped check structure.") 6-8: In-text/footnote 9-12: Formal citation (APA/MLA)	"How can I make my thesis clearer?" "Summarize this article's main argument." "What are the next steps to solve this problem?" "Check for grammar and punctuation errors." "Suggest primary sources for this topic."
TIER 3 AI AS ESSENTIAL TOOL 	Usage is determined by the student with guidance from the teacher. AI is used as an essential partner throughout the learning process.	Data analysis, simulations, coding assistance, large-scale data manipulation, content translation (not for language learning)	K-3: Verbal explanation encouraged 4-5: Brief note ("AI helped create this chart.") 6-8: In-text/footnote 9-12: Formal citation (APA/MLA)	"Model the impact of deforestation on CO2 levels." "Analyze customer data trends." "Suggest debugging options for this Python error."