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Norwalk Public Schools Selected for Prestigious National EDSAFE AI Alliance Policy Lab

Norwalk, Conn. (Oct. 1, 2025) - Norwalk Public Schools today announced its selection as a 2026 EDSAFE AI Alliance District Policy Lab Selectee. This recognition positions Norwalk Public Schools as a leader in responsibly integrating artificial intelligence (AI) into education, providing a unique opportunity to shape the future of AI policy for schools nationwide.

The EDSAFE AI Alliance Policy Labs are a pioneering, voluntary community of practice dedicated to navigating the complex and rapidly evolving landscape of AI in education. The network brings together states and school districts to develop and implement clear, effective, and responsible AI policies and guidance aligned with the SAFE Framework.

"We are incredibly honored to be chosen for this collaborative," said Dr. Alexandra Estrella, Superintendent of Norwalk Public Schools. "Our participation in the EDSAFE AI Alliance Policy Lab will enable us to proactively create informed, ethical, and effective AI policies that enhance learning while ensuring the safety and well-being of our students and educators. This is a tremendous opportunity to not only benefit our own community but also contribute to a national dialogue on this critical topic."

As a Policy Lab selectee, Norwalk Public Schools will collaborate with a national network of peers to share insights, best practices, and challenges related to developing effective AI frameworks tailored to educational settings. The work of these labs will directly impact millions of students, thousands of educators, and leaders nationwide.

This initiative is part of the EDSAFE AI Alliance's broader effort, supported by Google.org, to expand its reach and triple its impact over the next three years. The funding will help the network grow to 44 school districts and 20 states.



About the EDSAFE AI Alliance Policy Labs: As AI transforms education, school districts and states face urgent questions around ethics, safety, fairness, and implementation. The EDSAFE AI Alliance Policy Lab supports districts and states in developing responsible AI guidance through collaboration, shared resources, and expert networks. The EDSAFE AI Alliance is a coalition led by 30 leading education organizations.

About Norwalk Public Schools: At Norwalk Public Schools, our mission is to provide an excellent and equitable education so that all students graduate future-ready as civically responsible, globally engaged and positive contributors to an ever-changing and diverse world. Reflecting our diverse community, NPS families speak 51 different languages and represent many countries from around the world.

Norwalk Public Schools includes 13 elementary schools, four middle schools, four high schools, one K-8 school, and a range of Pre-K programs serving children with both typical and special needs. Starting in Fall 2025, the district now offers a comprehensive K-12 International Baccalaureate (IB) continuum, providing globally recognized, rigorous academic opportunities from the early years through graduation.

Elementary students can explore magnet programs in language, character, marine science, arts, and college readiness, while neighborhood schools offer strong community connections. Middle schoolers build on their interests through unique programs that help guide their high school choices. At the high school level, students gain hands-on experience, earn college credits and certifications, and engage in global learning, with growing pathways that prepare them for diverse career opportunities.