

Piloting Artificial Intelligence in the Clark County School District

The Clark County School District (CCSD) is piloting Artificial Intelligence (AI) in schools and district offices throughout the District. AI will never replace the power of a quality teacher or educators. But we are looking at safe ways to deploy AI that save staff time, better engage students, and deepen student learning.

What platforms/programs/vendors with AI features has the District used in the past and is currently using?

- All Clark County School District (CCSD) employees have access to the following tools:
 - Google Gemini, Gemini Notebook
 - Canva AI tools
 - Ignite Canvas and Khanmigo on Canvas
- Schools can request that student access to the following tools:
 - Google Gemini and Gemini Notebook
 - Canva AI tools
 - Writable
 - Green Our Planet Studio's AI bots

Which AI platforms are staff/teachers/students able to access through CCSD-issued devices/logins/wifi? Can non-vendor AI websites still be accessed?

- The District maintains AI Guidelines that require staff and students to use only District-vetted AI tools listed on our SAFE (Software and Applications for Education) list.
- Some non-vendor AI sites may still be technically reachable, but staff and students are expected to follow the SAFE list requirement and the District's Acceptable Use Policy regardless. Schools can also block sites on GoGuardian.

What and how much AI training do staff/teachers receive from the District? Is it optional or required?

- The Digital Learning and Instructional Technology Department offers optional monthly training for administrators, teachers, and other staff members.

How are AI platforms/etc. being utilized by staff (not teachers)?

- Staff is using AI platforms in a variety of ways aligned with their individual needs, including, but not limited to, writing tools, research, brainstorming, condensing information, data analysis, etc.

How are AI platforms/etc. being utilized by teachers? (lesson planning, grading, instruction, etc.)

- Teachers are using AI platforms in a variety of ways, including but not limited to writing tools, brainstorming, data analysis, and support for lesson planning, including differentiation, guided instruction, and the incorporation of state standards and durable skills.

Are all schools districtwide using AI in classrooms? Or does AI use vary by campus, department, class, or teacher?

- All employees have access to the tools listed above.
- Schools must opt in to the use of AI platforms for students by requesting student access via email to the Digital Learning and Instructional Technology Department. CCSD tracks the number of schools utilizing AI programs with students.

How are AI platforms/etc. being used by students? (in-class work, homework, research, projects, writing, media creation, etc.)

- This varies from school to school, but the CCSD Student Code of Conduct states that students may use AI when it supports learning by assisting with the exploration of new topics, confirming students' understanding of complex ideas, and editing original student writing for grammar and tone.
- The Google search feature inside the Chrome browser also uses AI to produce search results.
- Additionally, Episode 2 of [CCSD's Destination District](#) podcast explores how CCSD students and educators currently use AI in the classroom.

At what grade level does student access to AI begin? At what grade level do teachers implement AI in class instruction or activities?

- Any school can opt in to using AI for students.

Do students in all grades receive media literacy/digital citizenship education that addresses AI use and ethics? Is that education uniform districtwide, or does it vary by campus/class/teacher?

- Media literacy and digital citizenship are components of the [Nevada Academic Content Standards for students in Kindergarten–Grade 12](#).

What guardrails/restrictions/safety settings are in place, both on the District's AI platforms/etc., and through CCSD-issued devices/logins/wifi?

- Google Gemini, Gemini Notebook, and Canva AI tools have safeguards in place to ensure that the data here is not used to train other AI models.

How is the District ensuring that AI platforms are not used to create false or deceptive information, plagiarize, or tap into District software and platforms?

- All of CCSD's software platforms have security measures in place to prevent unauthorized access to our operations.
- It is widely known that AI systems can hallucinate and can occasionally provide false information. This is emphasized when students are utilizing any AI platform.
- CCSD students are required to adhere to [CCSD Regulation 5146](#), which requires them to demonstrate academic honesty.

Is there any other information you can share about CCSD + AI that will help parents like me understand so we can guide our students at home?

- Teachers have access to internal guidelines on AI that align with Nevada's STELLAR Pathway to AI Teaching and Learning: Ethics, Principles, and Guidance, available [here](#).
- As with all learning tools, it is best to start with your child's teacher and then with the school principal.