I. Introduction

This policy establishes guidelines for the responsible use of artificial intelligence (AI) by students and staff in LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ("LPS") to maintain academic integrity and encourage responsible use. AI is a powerful tool in education, but it should be used judiciously and in conjunction with human instructors who can provide context, guidance, and support essential for holistic learning.

II. Policy

LPS is committed to promoting digital literacy, including the understanding of AI capabilities, limitations, and ethical considerations.

Users must be aware of potential biases in AI systems and take steps to ensure fair and equitable outcomes when using AI tools.

Students are encouraged to use AI to enhance their learning experience, but not at the expense of developing crucial skills such as writing, problem-solving, and critical analysis.

While LPS recognizes the potential for AI to contribute to academic dishonesty, it also acknowledges the numerous benefits AI can bring to education. Therefore, age-appropriate use of AI within LPS will adhere to the limitations set forth in this policy and its accompanying protocol.

Students and staff are expected to uphold ethical standards, including honesty and integrity in all aspects of learning. Academic dishonesty is strictly prohibited.

Furthermore, employees should not rely solely on AI for decisions that require professional judgement.

III. Discipline

Copying language, structure, art, or ideas using AI or other emerging technologies to develop work products that do not reflect the student's own independent thoughts, language, or abilities is prohibited and subject to appropriate discipline, unless the teacher otherwise specifies the use.

Falsification of work product with the use of ~~generative~~ AI will be treated as plagiarism and subject to discipline under the LPS plagiarism, academic dishonesty, and disciplinary policies and protocols and the student handbook.

IV. Classroom Policies

Teachers may utilize district-approved AI in the classroom consistent with this policy and related protocol. Students must follow any additional parameters set forth by their classroom teacher for the use of AI or other emerging technologies.

V. Emerging Technologies

The tenets of this policy are inclusive of emerging technologies in devices that provide wireless capabilities.

VI. Development of Protocol

The Superintendent of Schools shall develop a protocol to facilitate this policy.

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