

Artificial Intelligence Framework

KATY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT • PARENT & FAMILY GUIDE

"Be the legacy. Create the future — responsibly."

Katy ISD is dedicated to delivering unparalleled learning experiences that prepare and inspire each student to live an honorable, fulfilling life. As Artificial Intelligence (AI) rapidly updates the modern professional and academic landscape, the district has proactively established a clear framework. This roadmap ensures AI tools are leveraged intentionally, ethically, and responsibly across classrooms to protect students while equipping them for an AI-enabled future.

Core Beliefs About AI

Humans First AI is explicitly a tool to amplify human potential, deepening critical thinking and creativity. It will never replace the essential, foundational bond between teachers and students.	Clear Expectations The district implements uniform, reliable standards for how AI tools are carefully vetted, selected, and executed across all school campuses and classrooms.
Integrity in All Things AI must remain honest and transparent. Student work must consistently reflect original thinking and line up with district standards for academic honesty.	Safety and Trust Student data privacy is non-negotiable. Only vetted and approved tools meeting district standards will be used.

The Six Guiding Principles

1. Student-Centered Learning

AI serves purely as an instructional enhancer to cultivate critical thinking, creativity, and communication.

- AI tools are chosen based strictly on their educational value, not just technological novelty.
- Teachers maintain absolute professional judgment over how, when, and if AI is utilized in their classrooms.

2. Ethical and Responsible Use

Students are taught how to navigate the technical use of AI, alongside learning exactly when it is or is not appropriate to utilize.

- The district academic integrity expectations include transparent guidelines specifying correct AI attribution.
- Consequences for technology misuse are outlined in the Katy ISD Discipline Management Plan.

3. Student Safety and Data Privacy

Student data privacy is non-negotiable.

- Every AI platform must pass a rigorous district-level security vetting process prior to school adoption.
- All approved applications are governed by formal Data Privacy Agreements compliant with FERPA and COPPA.
- Individual campuses are restricted from deploying independent, unvetted software tools.

4. Educator Empowerment

Teachers remain the absolute key to successful education. The district provides ongoing training and clear guidelines addressing the benefits, risks, and pedagogical applications of AI tools.

5. Consistency Across Campuses

All Katy ISD schools adhere to the AI Framework ensuring consistent practices across the district and grade level bands.

6. Transparency and Accountability

Katy ISD prioritizes transparent parent communication. A dedicated District AI Advisory Committee constantly reviews outcomes, addresses emerging technologies, and formally updates the AI Framework annually.

As AI technology grows, Katy ISD remains agile, proactive, and deeply dedicated to protecting trust. If you have any specific questions about how your child's campus or classroom interacts with the AI Framework, please feel free to reach out to the campus leadership team.