

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) INSTRUCTIONAL USE POLICY

General Information

Crossings Christian School (CCS) supports the responsible use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies as tools for perpetuating, accelerating, and accentuating learning and academic growth. As a Christian school, we approach technology through the lens of stewardship and dominion. We are called to use God's creation wisely, creatively, and humbly, remembering that our tools must serve what is true, good, and honoring to the Lord (Philippians 4:8; Colossians 3:17; Colossians 3:23).

AI-powered platforms (including chatbots and generative or predictive AI tools) may be used by students and teachers only through CCS-approved, governed tools and must be used with critical judgment, in accordance with these guidelines, the Device Acceptable Use Policy (DAUP), and all applicable CCS policies. Even when using an approved tool, users must verify AI output for accuracy, bias, and appropriateness and must not treat AI output as authoritative.

AI is a tool, not a substitute for learning. CCS encourages the use of AI for efficiency and support, not dependence. Students are expected to build and demonstrate foundational skills and understanding; AI may assist practice and improvement, but it must not replace independent thinking, skill development, or faithful effort. We pursue wisdom and discernment in all learning, testing information rather than accepting it blindly (Proverbs 14:15-16; 1 Thessalonians 5:17-21).

CCS reserves the right to monitor and review AI use on school-issued devices and networks. Improper use of AI may result in disciplinary action, including revocation of device privileges and other consequences deemed appropriate by school administration.

Appropriate AI use varies by domain. AI may be helpful for technical, procedural, and mechanical learning (e.g., tutorials, troubleshooting, and step-by-step practice) when used through CCS-approved tools and under teacher direction. However, AI must not be used as a replacement for human guidance in matters of faith formation, emotional counsel, moral decision-making, or personal/spiritual care; students should seek help from teachers, parents, counselors, pastors, and other trusted adults.

Academic Integrity

As a Christ-centered school, CCS approaches the use of AI by seeking the "treasures of wisdom and knowledge" found in Christ and taking care that no one is led astray by what is "hollow and deceptive" (Colossians 2:3, 8). We pursue learning that resists being "conformed to this world" and is shaped by being "transformed by the renewal of [the] mind," so that students grow in discernment and live with eternal purpose (Romans 12:2). Therefore, students and teachers must use AI responsibly, maintaining the highest standards of academic integrity:

- AI must never be used to bypass academic expectations.
- AI may be used to support efficient learning and preparation for college (such as brainstorming, outlining, practice, and feedback), but it must not replace original thinking or authentic student work.
- Users must respect the intellectual property rights of others, and any AI-assisted work that is submitted or shared must include proper attribution according to CCS or teacher citation standards.
- Students remain responsible for their own submissions and must verify AI output for accuracy, bias, and appropriateness.

Appropriate Use and Respectful Conduct

AI must be used in a manner that reflects respect for others and honors Christ in all communication.

- Students may not use AI to harass, bully, intimidate, or communicate in any offensive, threatening, or harmful way.
- AI must never be used to create or share deepfakes, impersonations, personal attacks, discriminatory content, or any material intended to demean, manipulate, or harm another person.

Violations may result in disciplinary action and loss of device or network privileges.

Personal Safety and Privacy

AI must be used in ways that protect personal safety and privacy and reflect respect for others, honoring Christ in all interactions.

- Students may use only CCS-approved, governed AI platforms.
- Students must not create accounts or sign in to unapproved AI services.
- Users must protect their own personal information and the personal information of others by not entering, uploading, or sharing sensitive or personally identifiable information (such as full names, home addresses, phone numbers, birthdates, student ID numbers, passwords, or private student records).
- Be cautious when interacting with AI tools, and do not disclose confidential information about yourself, your family, classmates, or CCS.
- AI may support learning, but it must not replace direct communication, relationships, or guidance from teachers, peers, counselors, or other trusted adults; AI output should never be treated as a substitute for human judgment or care.

If you are unsure whether information is appropriate to share, do not enter it into an AI tool and ask a teacher or administrator first.

Staff must not enter student education records, counseling notes, health information, or disciplinary information into any AI tool unless explicitly approved through CCS governance and required agreements.

Legal and Ethical Compliance

AI must be used lawfully and ethically, in accordance with these guidelines, the DAUP, and all applicable CCS policies (including copyright and Responsible Use expectations). AI must never be used for illegal activity or to cause harm, including hacking or unauthorized access, malware creation or distribution, phishing, fraud, impersonation, or any attempt to compromise systems, accounts, or data.

CCS administration reserves the right to determine whether specific AI uses are appropriate based on context, intent, age/grade level, and the safety and well-being of students and staff. Users are expected to cooperate fully with any review or investigation related to suspected misuse of AI.

Consequences for Misuse

Failure to comply with these guidelines may result in disciplinary action, which may include loss of access to AI tools, loss of school-issued technology privileges, and other consequences deemed appropriate by CCS administration, based on the nature and severity of the violation.

Teacher Discretion

Teachers have discretion regarding when and how AI may be used in their classrooms.

Classroom-specific AI expectations may be established to fit learning objectives and student readiness, and students are expected to follow both CCS guidelines and their teacher's instructions. Classroom rules may be more restrictive than CCS guidelines, but they may not permit what CCS policy prohibits (including use of unapproved or non-governed AI tools).

Teachers may allow broader or narrower AI use based on instructional goals, student readiness, and the type of task (e.g., technical/mechanical skill-building versus reflective, spiritual, or emotionally sensitive topics).

CCS Approved and Governed AI Tools :

- Open AI Level
 - Google Workspace with Gemini
 - Microsoft Copilot for Microsoft 365
 - ChatGPT and/or ChatGPT Edu
 - Brisk Teaching
 - Adobe Tools
 - Canva for Education
- Guarded Level
 - TREK AI

Tools not listed here are **not approved** until reviewed and added by CCS.

Stewardship Dominion Biblical Integration

- Philippians 4:8 - Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.
- Colossians 3:17 - And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
- Proverbs 14:15-16 - The simple believes everything but the prudent gives thought to his steps. One who is wise is cautious and turns away from evil, but a fool is reckless and careless.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:17-21 - Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, ²¹but test everything; hold fast what is good.
- Colossian 3:23 - Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.