

AI in BCPS: Innovation grounded in safety and responsibility

Artificial intelligence can help educators plan lessons and students explore new ideas. At Broward County Public Schools (BCPS), its use is guided by safety, transparency and a clear commitment: Human Intelligence First. Artificial Intelligence Second.

"Broward's vision for artificial intelligence is not about replacing teachers. It has never been. It never will be ... Our vision is simple. It's human intelligence first, it's artificial intelligence second," said Fabian Cone, chief academic officer.

Teachers remain at the center of instruction and decision-making. For Natasha Evans, instructional facilitator for math, AI creates more time to focus on instruction.

"It does not replace the expertise of an educator; it enhances it," Evans said. "I am able to spend less time starting from scratch and more time refining lessons, analyzing student data, and focusing on meaningful instruction."

Students participating in BCPS Family Forums emphasized that AI should support independent thinking. Student Darien A. Benjamin Jr. described using it to organize his writing.

"It helped me outline the ideas, but I still had to evaluate the arguments, check the sources, and write the essay on my own," Benjamin said.

Before introducing AI tools into instructional settings, BCPS considers educational value, safety, privacy and age-appropriate use. The District emphasizes teacher-directed use, student privacy protections and human review of AI-generated information. Professional learning reinforces a straightforward expectation: Review. Revise. Verify.

"Our responsibility is helping students understand these tools, use them appropriately, and develop the critical-thinking skills needed for the future," said Thomas J. Correll, director of instructional innovation and digital learning.

School-based AI liaisons support this work by sharing resources, helping colleagues understand District-approved tools and connecting them with professional learning. Families and students also help shape the approach.

“Input from people who had concerns became part of our guardrails,” said Manuel Castaneda, executive director of enterprise analytics and intelligence.

As AI evolves, BCPS will continue preparing students to use it safely, thoughtfully and responsibly. The future of AI in BCPS starts with people.

Learn more at browardschools.ai.



AI Liaisons: BCPS educators participate in professional learning to support responsible AI use across District schools.



Copilot Welleby: Educators at Welleby Elementary School explore AI tools during a professional learning session focused on responsible instructional use.