



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) IN IUSD

DISTRICT BELIEFS AND PRACTICES

AI helps us create additional time for what matters most, building strong connections and supporting every child's learning.

As AI continues to shape our world, it's essential that students learn to use it **responsibly**, **purposefully**, and in **developmentally appropriate** ways, ensuring our students are **future-ready**. We're utilizing AI tools to save time on routine tasks, enabling educators to spend more time **connecting with students**, supporting each child's growth and learning. We're also implementing **safeguards** while working collaboratively with staff and families.

We put people first, using AI as a supportive tool while keeping **humans at the heart of teaching** and learning. This approach enables us to deliver **engaging, personalized instruction** that empowers students to discover their voices, pursue their passions, and thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

Our approach to AI is guided by a core set of beliefs and considerations:

- **Enhancing Human Potential:** AI amplifies creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving.
- **Future Ready:** Students gain the knowledge and skills to thrive in an increasingly AI-driven world.
- **Equity and Access:** We are committed to ensuring all students have developmentally appropriate access to AI technologies.
- **Ethical Use:** We prioritize fairness, transparency, accountability, and the avoidance of bias.
- **Collaboration with Parents:** We believe in open dialogue with parents and seek input on the use of AI.

DATA PRIVACY AND SECURITY: PROTECTING OUR STUDENTS

Safeguarding student data is our top priority when using AI tools. In selecting and applying these tools, we carefully consider privacy, security, and how they support student learning.

- **Privacy Laws:** We are in compliance with all student data privacy laws and regulations.
- **Secure Vendors:** AI tools are vetted; student data is never used commercially.
- **Protected Identities:** We have safeguards in place to protect student identities.
- **Safe Use:** Students and staff are trained not to share personal information in AI tools.

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SAFE AND EFFECTIVE AI USE AT HOME

In IUSD, AI is a supportive tool for learning, and we value partnering with families to ensure students use it responsibly and safely, in ways that foster their growth and learning.

10 TIPS FOR FAMILIES TO SUPPORT AI USE AT HOME



CLARIFY WHEN AND HOW TO USE AI

Differentiate between schoolwork and personal use, discuss rules, and set clear guidelines at home for healthy balance.



ENCOURAGE CURIOSITY AND QUESTIONS

Foster open conversations about AI's risks and benefits so children feel comfortable asking questions and exploring responsibly.



GUIDE AND SUPERVISE YOUNG USERS

Sit with younger children during AI use, using shared spaces, and turn interactions into teachable moments.



START AND KEEP CONVERSATIONS GOING

Ask children what they know or feel about AI, and keep the dialogue open to guide their understanding over time.



PROTECT PRIVACY AND DATA

Teach kids that personal information is valuable, and show them how to use privacy settings and think critically about what they share.



TEACH CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS

Encourage children to ask, "How do you know that?" and practice double-checking AI's answers with trusted sources.



BUILD AI SKILLS TOGETHER

Learn about AI tools alongside children, building confidence and teaching them how to use technology responsibly.



RECOGNIZE AI'S LIMITS

Remind kids that AI doesn't know everything. More data doesn't always mean better answers, and mistakes are common.



COLLABORATE WITH SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS

Work with educators to understand how AI is used in the classroom and reinforce safe, purposeful use at home.



TALK ABOUT ETHICS AND RESPECT

Explain why using AI to bully, cheat, or spread false information is wrong, and highlight the importance of fairness and kindness online.