

POLICY

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

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Responsible Office: OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, OFFICE OF ACADEMICS, OFFICE OF SCHOOL INSTRUCTION AND PERFORMANCE

RESPONSIBLE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

A. PURPOSE

This policy governs the responsible use and oversight of artificial intelligence (AI) in Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS). AI shall be used in accordance with federal and State laws, Board of Education of Anne Arundel County (Board) policies and administrative regulations, and the AACPS Strategic Plan.

B. ISSUE

The Board recognizes that AI is increasingly embedded in tools used for teaching, learning, and school system administration and operations. When used responsibly, AI can improve teaching, learning, and student and employee access to information; strengthen operations; enhance accessibility; and help prepare students and employees for an evolving digital economy. However, without appropriate safeguards, AI may create risks related to security, privacy, bias, equity, academic integrity, and over-reliance on automated systems. This policy establishes expectations to ensure that AI is used lawfully, ethically, and securely.

AI shall be used in ways that enhance, and never replace, the professional judgment of employees. Human relationships, professional expertise, and student well-being remain central to the work of AACPS. AI used by AACPS shall serve a clear educational or operational purpose; protect the rights and safety of students, employees, parents/guardians, and other stakeholders; and comply with applicable federal and State laws and Board policies and AACPS administrative regulations.

C. POSITION

1. AI shall support, and may not replace, the professional expertise and responsibilities of employees and stakeholders. Any AI output used in a consequential decision affecting a student or employee shall be subject to documented human oversight. Employees and stakeholders retain the authority and responsibility to interpret, contextualize, override, or reject AI outputs.

2. AI may only be used for approved administrative, educational, and operational purposes in AACPS.
3. AI shall be used to expand equitable access to opportunity. AACPS shall monitor AI tools for biased, discrimination, or inequitable outcomes and take corrective action where disparities emerge.
4. AACPS shall establish expectations, conditions, and limitations for student use of AI.
5. AACPS shall provide role-specific professional learning so that employees can use AI safely, ethically, and effectively. Professional learning shall emphasize critical evaluation of AI outputs, protection of student data, and recognition of when AI use is inappropriate.
6. AI tools shall be vetted before adoption for educational value, data practices, accessibility, and compliance with applicable federal and State laws and Board policies and administrative regulations.
7. AACPS shall communicate with students, parents/guardians, employees, and other stakeholders the AI tools used, data collection and retention practices, and when opt-out options apply.

D. IMPLEMENTATION

The Superintendent is authorized to develop regulations to implement this policy.

Policy History: Adopted on //

Note Previous Policy History: None

Legal References: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act, Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment, Children’s Internet Protection Act, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Americans with Disabilities Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 4-131 of the Education Article, Code of Maryland Regulations Title 13A, Maryland K-12 Artificial Intelligence Guidance