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Frequently Asked Questions

What is MagicSchool, and how will my child use it?

MagicSchool is an educational AI platform designed specifically for K-12 schools. Students access a guided portal called *MagicStudent* only when directed by their teacher. It provides age-appropriate learning assistance, such as math tutoring, study guides, language practice, and creative brainstorming.

Can my child use MagicSchool any time during the school day or on a Chromebook at home with their school login?

No. MagicSchool is not an open-ended app that students can use freely whenever they wish. While students access *MagicStudent* on their district-issued Chromebook using their secure district login, they can only access tools when their teacher actively opens, schedules, or assigns a specific "Student Room" for a lesson. Teachers lock or pause the tools as soon as the instructional activity is complete.

Will MagicSchool alert teachers if a child attempts inappropriate use or expresses potential self-harm?

Yes. MagicSchool incorporates a specialized K-12 content moderation system. If a student inputs inappropriate material or language indicating distress or self-harm, the system blocks the generated output, records the event, and flags the interaction on the teacher's dashboard. This ensures school administrators and counselors can provide immediate human support.

Does MagicSchool allow students to cheat or write essays for them?

No. MagicSchool tools are built to require student thinking rather than replace it:

- **Guided Tutoring:** Tools like *Tutor Me with AI* use Socratic questioning to guide students toward answers rather than providing direct solutions.
- **Draft Revision:** Tools like *Writing Feedback* analyze student-written text against rubrics to offer constructive suggestions for revision.
- **Complete Oversight:** Teachers can view all generated outputs on their dashboard. Attempting to copy and paste a full essay prompt generates an immediate audit record for the teacher.

Can my child create a "friend," use MagicSchool for therapy, or build a personal relationship with it?

No. MagicSchool enforces guardrails that strictly block pseudo-companionship, emotional bonding, or mental health counseling. If a student submits prompts related to distress, mental health, or therapy, the system restricts the conversation and flags the interaction so qualified human professionals (such as counselors or administrators) can step in.

How is my child's data and privacy protected?

MagicSchool meets strict federal and state privacy laws, including FERPA and COPPA. Student names, personal information, and coursework are never sold, shared, or used to train public AI models. All underlying AI providers operate under strict Zero Data Retention agreements.

How is the district paying for MagicSchool?

Through December 2026 our pilot provides professional level access to all of our educators and students for free. We are securing grants to fund MagicSchool through the end of the school year, and if this pilot goes well, we will continue to apply for grant funding to continue our subscription. If grant funding cannot be found, we will revert to an unpaid plan that continues to offer the professional level security but does not provide the same level of resources to teachers and does not allow student access.

Are teachers required to use MagicSchool?

No, all staff participation with MagicSchool is voluntary, but we are hoping teachers will experiment to see how it can save time and improve student retention and learning.