Student Use of Artificial Intelligence in the Educational Setting

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for student use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the educational setting in accordance with federal law and regulations, including the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA).

II. Scope

This policy applies to all students enrolled in the district's K-12 schools and all district educational activities where AI technologies may be utilized.

III. Policy Statement

Age-based Constraints: As per COPPA guidelines, students under the age of 13 shall not use AI tools and technologies in the educational setting without direct adult supervision and instruction. Any use of AI must be in compliance with the privacy regulations set forth in COPPA.

All students, regardless of age, who intend to use AI for any assignment, must obtain permission from the teacher or relevant staff member before proceeding. Staff members should provide clear expectations and directions for the use of the AI tool within the instructions for the assignment.

The teacher or staff member must be sure the AI tool aligns with educational objectives and adheres to district technology policies.

IV. Implementation and Enforcement

District staff will monitor the use of AI in the educational setting to ensure that it is in compliance with this policy.

Any breaches of this policy will be addressed following the district's technology use policy, which could involve taking disciplinary measures.

The district will periodically review this policy to ensure that it continues to comply with any changes in federal or state laws or regulations, technological advancements, or shifts in the educational needs and goals of the district.

V. Appeals Process

Any concerns or appeals related to the decisions or procedures under this policy should be made to the school administration in accordance with district appeal procedures.

VI. Review and Updates

This policy will be reviewed and updated annually, or as needed, to ensure it is effective and compliant with the current legal and ethical standards.

Note: All parents and guardians are encouraged to discuss this policy with their children and to foster understanding and compliance with the guidelines it presents.