



## Appendix A: Parent FAQ

### Ohio Conference AI Usage Policy

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#### **Q: What is Artificial Intelligence and why is the school using it?**

Artificial Intelligence refers to computer systems that can learn from data and make decisions or recommendations. Schools use AI tools like Gemini for Education and Copilot to help teachers create personalized learning experiences, generate practice materials, and support students with different learning needs. However, AI is always a tool that supports human teaching, not a replacement for it.

#### **Q: Will AI be used in my child's classroom?**

Approved AI tools may be used to support learning in various ways. Teachers might use AI to create differentiated materials, and students in grades 5 and above might use AI-assisted research tools with proper oversight. You will be notified of major AI adoption at your child's school, and you can request an opt-out.

#### **Q: What about my child's data privacy?**

All AI tools used at the school meet the "Walled Garden" requirement, meaning student data is never used to train external AI models or sold to third parties. We comply with FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) and COPPA (Children's Online Privacy Protection Act). Your child's information remains protected and secure.

#### **Q: What if I don't want my child using AI?**

You can submit a written opt-out request to the principal. Your child will be provided alternative assignments and will not participate in AI-assisted learning activities.

#### **Q: How can I talk to my child about AI at home?**

Encourage critical thinking about AI. Ask questions like: "How would you verify that?" "What might this AI tool get wrong?" Remind your child that AI is a tool, not an authority. Help them understand that humans must always evaluate AI output for accuracy.

**Q: What is a "hallucination" in AI?**

A hallucination is when an AI system generates false information that sounds plausible. For example, an AI might invent a quotation and attribute it to a real author. Students and staff must always verify AI output before using it.