

Lyon County School District Board Memo

Date: January 27, 2026

To: Board of School Trustees

From: James Gianotti, Executive Director for Educational Services

Re: The approval of Policy IAA: Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) as a first reading.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees review and approve the new policy regarding the Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI). This policy establishes a comprehensive framework for the ethical, safe, and responsible integration of AI technologies across the Lyon County School District (LCSD).

Background Information

As Artificial Intelligence continues to reshape the global workforce and educational landscape, LCSD must provide clear guardrails for students and staff. This policy is designed to:

- **Enhance Learning:** Leverage AI to support diverse learning needs and prepare students for future careers.
- **Ensure Safety:** Protect student privacy (FERPA/COPPA) and prevent the use of biased or harmful content.
- **Maintain Integrity:** Define clear boundaries for academic honesty and the "human-in-the-loop" requirement for AI-generated work.

Alignment with State Law & Standards

This policy is not merely a local initiative but a proactive response to evolving state requirements.

1. Nevada Assembly Bill 406 (2025) Compliance

The policy strictly adheres to the newly enacted **AB 406**, which draws a "hard line" regarding student well-being.

- **Prohibition:** AI may **not** be used to perform mental health functions traditionally held by counselors or psychologists.
- **Administrative Use Only:** AI's role in mental health contexts is restricted to scheduling and data management.

2. NDE STELLAR Framework

LCSD has adopted the Nevada Department of Education's **STELLAR** (Security, Transparency, Empowerment, Learning, Leadership, Achievement, Responsible Use) principles as the bedrock of this policy:

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Principle	District Implementation
Security	Ensuring data is handled in "fenced" environments to prevent leaks.
Transparency	Mandatory disclosure when AI is used in official communications or assignments.
Empowerment	Using AI as a "tutor" or "assistant" rather than a replacement for thinking.
Leadership	Modeling ethical digital citizenship for our rural communities.

Key Policy Provisions

- **Human Oversight:** Section 3.3 requires that all AI outputs be verified by a human for accuracy before being accepted as fact.
- **Data Privacy:** Section 3.9 strictly defines Personal and Confidential Data, prohibiting its entry into public AI tools.
- **Equity:** In alignment with Board Policy AD, the district commits to bridging the "digital divide" by ensuring all students, regardless of background, have access to approved AI tools.
- **Enforcement:** Violations of ethical use or academic integrity will be handled under existing disciplinary frameworks (Board Policy JG).

By approving this policy, the Board ensures that Lyon County School District remains at the forefront of educational innovation while maintaining the highest standards of safety, ethics, and legal compliance. This framework provides our educators with the clarity they need to lead and our students with the skills they need to succeed.

Budget Considerations

N/A

Discussed at Previous Meeting

N/A

Attachment(s)

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