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The Board values honesty and expects integrity in the District's students. Violating academic honesty expectations erodes the trust between teachers and students as well as compromises the academic standing of other students. So that each student learns the skills being taught, and is judged solely on their own merits, the Board prohibits any student from presenting someone else's work as their own, using artificial intelligence platforms in place of one's own work, providing unauthorized assistance to another student, and cheating in any manner.

All school work submitted for the purpose of meeting course requirements must be the individual student's original work or the original work of a group of students for group projects. It is prohibited for any student to unfairly advance their own academic performance or that of any other student. Likewise, no student may intentionally limit or impede the academic performance or intellectual pursuits of other students.

Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to:

A. plagiarism (of ideas, work, research, speech, art, music, etc.);

B. forgery of another's work;

C. presenting the results that are the product of an artificial intelligence (AI) platform as one's own where the use of AI was not specifically allowed by the teacher as part of the assignment;

D. downloading or copying information from other sources and presenting it as one's own;

E. using language translation work of someone else or using technology when the expectation is doing one's own translation;

F. copying another person's work;

G. allowing another person to copy one's own work;

H. stealing another person's work;

I. doing another person's work for them;

J. distributing copies of one's work for use by others;

K. distributing copies of someone else's work for use by others for academic gain or advantage;

L. intentionally accessing another's work for the purpose of presenting it as one's own for academic gain or advantage;

M. distributing or receiving answers to assignments, quizzes, tests, assessments, etc.

N. distributing or receiving questions from quizzes, tests, assessments, etc.

O. using AI to modify another person's work to avoid detection;

P. collaborating on an assignment when independent work is required;

Q. fabricating data, citations, sources, research results, or evidence;

R. receiving unauthorized assistance from another person (tutor, parent, peer, online forum, contract service, etc.);

Use of Artificial Intelligence/Natural Language Processing Tools For School Work

In order to ensure the integrity of the educational process and to promote fair and equal opportunities for all students, except as outlined below, the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Natural Language Processing (NLP) tools (collectively, "AI/NLP tools") is strictly prohibited for the completion of school work. Students are encouraged to develop their own knowledge, skills, and understanding of course material rather than relying solely on AI/NLP tools and they should ask their teachers when they have questions and/or need assistance. Unauthorized use of AI/NLP tools is considered a form of plagiarism and any student found using these tools without permission or in a prohibited manner will be disciplined in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

Notwithstanding the preceding, students can use AI/NLP tools in the school setting if they receive prior permission/consent from their teacher, so long as they use the AI/NLP tools in an ethical and responsible manner. Teachers have the discretion to authorize students to use AI/NLP tools for the following uses:

A. Research assistance: AI/NLP tools can be used to help students quickly and efficiently search for and find relevant information for their school projects and

assignments.

B. Data Analysis: AI/NLP tools can be used to help students to analyze, understand, and interpret large amounts of data, such as text documents or social media posts. This can be particularly useful for research projects or data analysis assignments – e.g., scientific experiments and marketing research.

C. Language translation: AI/NLP tools can be used to translate texts or documents into different languages, which can be helpful for students who are learning a new language or for students who are studying texts written in a different language.

D. Writing assistance: AI/NLP tools can provide grammar and spelling corrections, as well as suggest alternative word choices and sentence structure, to help students improve their writing skills. Proper citation when using AI/NLP tools is required when non-original AI/NLP-generated content is incorporated into any work product. **(X)** Citation when using AI/NLP tools for spell check, grammar assistance, and similar refinement/editing tools does not need to be disclosed unless required by a student's teacher.

E. Accessibility: AI/NLP tools can be used to help students with disabilities access and understand written materials. For example, text-to-speech software can help students with specific learning disabilities or visual impairments to read texts and AI-powered translation tools can help students with hearing impairments understand spoken language.

Staff and Administration have the responsibility for monitoring students' work for compliance with this policy.

When enrolled in Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Early College Credit Programs (ECCP), Start College Now (SCN), or any other third-party, District-sponsored programming, students are expected to follow the corresponding policies and guidelines regarding the use of AI/NLP.

Before any disciplinary action is taken based in part on AI detection output, employees must exercise professional judgment rather than treating detection software results as conclusive.

Students who are found to have violated ~~violate~~ this policy are subject to disciplinary consequences. ~~- up to and including expulsion.~~

[X] Teachers are authorized, in consultation with their Principal, to apply appropriate consequences for violations of this policy. Disciplinary consequences for significant violations may include removal from the class with a failing grade, removal from student

leadership positions, elimination of honors recognition, loss of membership in honor organizations, as well as other disciplinary consequences up to and including expulsion appropriate to the nature of the violation. ~~[END OF OPTION]~~

Parents shall be contacted as soon as practicable to report any alleged acts of academic dishonesty by their child.

Student and/or parent appeals of disciplinary consequences resulting from violation of this policy may be made within five (5) business days to the Principal, whose decision shall be final. If the Principal was the staff member responsible for the disciplinary consequence being appealed, then student and/or parent appeals should be directed within five (5) business days to the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent of Learning, whose decision shall be final.

A summary of this policy shall be included in the Student Handbook and the Employee Handbook.

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