AI Usage Policy for Elementary and Middle School Students

Student AI Policy: Ethical Use and Unethical Uses

1. Introduction

This policy outlines the ethical guidelines for using Artificial Intelligence (AI) by students within our school community. It emphasizes responsible and respectful behavior when interacting with AI technologies and provides clear definitions of unethical practices to ensure a positive and inclusive digital environment.

2. Ethical Use of AI

2.1. Educational Purposes

Students should primarily use AI technologies for educational purposes, such as learning, research, and enhancing their understanding of various subjects.

2.2. Academic Integrity

No SDCCS student may use AI unless approved by a team member. All explorers must participate in the AI lessons provided by SDCCS.   AI tools may only be used to plagiarize or cheat, including generating content for assignments, exams, or projects with proper attribution. The use of AI in this manner will result in disciplinary consequences.

2.3. Respectful Interaction

Students must treat AI tools respectfully and may not use them for bullying, harassment, or harmful communication.

2.4. Privacy and Data

Respecting the privacy of others is essential. Do not use AI to gather or share personal information.

2.5. Critical Thinking

When approved by the instructor, AI-generated information may be utilized as a resource for learning and verification. Still, it is always expected that explorers employ critical thinking skills to evaluate the accuracy and credibility of the information.

2.6. Creativity and Innovation

When the instructor approves, students may be encouraged to use AI to explore creative and innovative ways to solve problems, generate ideas, and enhance their learning experiences.

3. Unethical Uses of AI

3.1. Plagiarism and Cheating

Using AI to generate content for assignments, exams, or projects without proper citation or authorization is unethical.

3.2. Misrepresentation

Using AI to impersonate someone else, forge identities, or deceive others is strictly prohibited.

3.3. Harassment and Bullying

Engaging in any form of harassment, cyberbullying, or harmful communication using AI technologies is unethical and unacceptable.

3.4. Privacy Violations

Unauthorized collection, sharing, or dissemination of personal information obtained through AI tools is unethical and a breach of privacy.

3.5. Discrimination and Bias

Using AI to promote or perpetuate discriminatory, biased, or harmful content is strictly forbidden.

3.6. Malicious Activities

Engaging in hacking, unauthorized access, or malicious activities using AI tools is unethical and may have legal consequences.

4. Reporting and Consequences

4.1. Reporting Unethical Use

Any instances of unethical AI use should be reported to a teacher, school administrator, or designated authority. Students who are aware of others who are misusing AI may also be held accountable to the standards of academic integrity.

4.2. Consequences

Violation of this policy may lead to disciplinary actions.

By adhering to this Student AI Policy, students demonstrate their commitment to responsible and ethical use of AI technologies, contributing to a positive and respectful digital environment within our school community.