



Summary: This sample policy creates a temporary five-year moratorium on generative AI use by students. It clarifies that unless it falls under one of two exceptions, any generative AI product is not approved for student use. This policy accompanies an [open letter](#) released by the nonprofit organization Fairplay and signed by more than 200 organizations and experts, calling for a national five-year pause on the use of AI in schools because of the risks to academic integrity, student data privacy, and student cognitive skills and mental health.

Model Moratorium on Generative AI Products in School

Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to create a temporary moratorium on the sanctioned use of artificial intelligence (AI) products by students in the District. [*“District” can be changed throughout the document to apply to a city/town, state, province, or other entity.*]

Unsanctioned use of generative AI by students is outside the scope of this policy and addressed in [*Handbook or other resource*].

Section 2. Definitions

2.1 Generative AI Product

For the purposes of this policy, a Generative AI Product means any software, application, platform, or tool that uses large language models or other generative artificial intelligence systems to produce text, images, audio, video, code, or other content, whether offered as a standalone product or embedded within broader educational software (e.g., AI chatbots, AI writing assistants, AI-generated content tools, or AI tutoring systems powered by large language models).

This policy does not apply to non-generative AI technologies such as rules-based adaptive learning platforms or conventional spell-check tools.

Section 3. Applicability and Exceptions

3.1 Unapproved Generative AI Products

While this policy is in effect, the District may not proceed with the procurement, licensing, or acquisition of any Generative AI Products for approved use by students.

If Generative AI Products are currently being used by students, those products are considered unapproved for student use. Within three months of the adoption of this policy, the District shall:

- Cease piloting or deployment of those AI products in any instructional capacity;
- Decline to renew existing contracts for those AI products; and
- Revise [*Handbook or other resource*] to reflect this policy.

If products currently approved for use by students include generative AI features, the District shall instruct technology staff to disable the use of those features. If the generative AI cannot be disabled, then the product is considered unapproved for student use unless an exception applies under this policy.

3.2 Student-Facing Products

This policy applies to all Generative AI Products or product features approved for use by students within the District. This includes products that interact directly with students, collect or process student data, or are used in any context where students are the end users of the Generative AI Product.

This policy does not apply to AI tools used exclusively by teachers, administrators, or staff for professional purposes, unless said tools process student data.

3.3 Exception for Legally Mandated Accommodations

This policy does not apply to any products that are required to be used to fulfill the District's obligations to provide legally mandated accommodations under applicable federal or state law.

A student may be permitted to use a Generative AI Product, in accordance with district policy, if:

- Used in accordance with an individualized education program or an education plan implemented pursuant to section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. § 701 et seq.;
- Necessary under any accommodations under state or federal law, including, but not limited to, title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. sections 12131 et seq.; or
- A healthcare provider states in writing that the use of a Generative AI Product is necessary to treat a health condition of a student.

3.4 Exception for Products Strictly Necessary for Curriculum

The District may grant a limited exception to this policy where an authorized school administrator has provided a written exemption because student use of a Generative AI Product is strictly necessary to achieve a specific, defined curriculum objective. For purposes of this section, “strictly necessary” means the defined curriculum objective at issue cannot be met without student use of a Generative AI Product.

Section 4. Expiration

This policy shall expire five years after adoption. While it remains in effect, the School Committee may amend, readopt, or extend it as appropriate.