

Instructional Guidelines

Our commitment to ethical AI use is built upon these foundational expectations for transparency, assessment, and instructional modeling.

- **Instructional Transparency:** Educators must document the use of Gemini in lesson planning or resource development within their professional records. Transparency ensures that AI is used as a supportive tool rather than a substitute for pedagogical expertise.
- **Assessment Integrity:** When using Gemini to generate assessments, quizzes or rubrics, staff are responsible for verifying that all content strictly aligns with TEKS and accurately reflects the specific curriculum delivered in the classroom.
- **Instructional Modeling:** Teachers should model "Effective Prompting" for students, emphasizing, framing AI as a sophisticated tool for brainstorming and scaffolding, not a replacement for original critical thinking and analysis.

Grade-Level Appropriate Use Guidelines

To ensure developmental readiness, student interaction with Google Gemini is governed by the following tiers:

- **Pre-K–Grade 2:** No direct student use. AI is used strictly by the teacher to create materials or mediated activities.
- **Grades 3–5:** Limited, highly supervised use. Requires explicit parental consent for specific classroom projects.
- **Grades 6–8:** Guided use within strict teacher-defined parameters. Requires parental consent and digital literacy instruction.
- **Grades 9–12:** Broader guided use. Students explore Gemini as a primary research and drafting partner under teacher oversight.

Sample AI Collaboration Classroom Policy

This "Red, Yellow, Green" framework moves away from banning and toward intentional use of AI in the classroom.

<i>Classroom AI Policy: How We Use Our Digital Assistants</i>	
● RED LIGHT (No AI)	For assessments, handwritten journals, and final exams. This is where I need to see only your brain at work.

<p>● YELLOW LIGHT (Limited AI)</p>	<p>You may use AI to brainstorm topics, create an outline, or summarize a complex article. You must cite the AI tool you used (e.g., "Outline generated by Google Gemini").</p>
<p>● GREEN LIGHT (Full AI)</p>	<p>For peer-editing your drafts, generating practice quiz questions for yourself, or coding projects.</p>
<p>The Golden Rule: You are the Editor-in-Chief. If the AI makes a mistake or "hallucinates" a fact and you turn it in, it is your responsibility. Always verify!</p>	

Academic Integrity

Grading consequences for academic dishonesty, including cheating or copying the work of another student, plagiarism (including the unauthorized use of artificial intelligence (AI) such as ChatGPT), and unauthorized communication between students during an examination

Utilize artificial intelligence in a way that would constitute academic dishonesty or as a means of engaging in any other prohibited conduct.

Engage in academic dishonesty, which includes cheating or copying the work of another student, unauthorized use of artificial intelligence, plagiarism, and unauthorized communication between students during an examination.