



# HURON-PERTH CATHOLIC

## District School Board

### Artificial Intelligence (AI)

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#### BELIEF STATEMENT

The Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board believes that, wherever appropriate, artificial intelligence (AI) should be used responsibly with careful consideration for the best interests of students and alignment with the Board’s Mission and Vision. The use of artificial intelligence in schools shall be aligned with Church teaching.

The Board believes that all persons are created in the image and likeness of God and in our obligation to promote human well-being. We are called to live out Catholic Social Teaching with respect to a commitment to the common good and exercising a preferential option for the poor and marginalized. All technological integration must enhance, not replace, human relationships, pastoral care, and authentic learning.

#### POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board that:

- All use of AI shall consider accountability to the Catholic community and be founded on principles of transparency and explainability.
- AI shall be used to support, not replace relationships, human judgment and thought, and professional responsibilities.
- All AI-enabled applications used in schools or to support operations must be approved by senior administration, with careful consideration for privacy, security, and ethical implications.
- All AI use must comply with applicable legislation (e.g., MFIPPA/FIPPA) and Board policies related to privacy and cybersecurity.
- AI use for student learning must be in the best interest of the student, aligned with curriculum expectations, and must not compromise the student learning process, or the authenticity of student work.
- Recognizing the rapid evolution of AI, the Board will maintain agile supporting guidelines and administrative procedures outside of this policy.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES

- The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) shall ensure that administrative procedures are in place to support the implementation of this policy, including requirements related to tool approval, professional practice, and student supervision.
- Superintendents are responsible for leading the system AI strategy and ensuring all innovation aligns with Board priorities and Catholic values.

- Principals are responsible for ensuring that AI procedures are implemented consistently within their schools and that staff adhere to the established guidelines.

## **DELEGATION TO ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES**

The CEO or designate is authorized to establish and maintain Administrative Procedure: Artificial Intelligence Use and Implementation to manage operational requirements, including:

- Evaluation and approval of specific AI tools (e.g., Google Gemini, NotebookLM).
- Prohibited and permitted classroom use cases.
- Citation thresholds and academic integrity protocols.
- Innovation through "Tools Testing" initiatives.

## **DEFINITIONS:**

Artificial Intelligence - The theory and development of computer systems able to perform tasks that normally require human intelligence, such as visual perception, speech recognition, decision-making, and translation between languages. (Oxford)

Generative AI - refers to deep-learning models that can generate high-quality text, images, and other content based on the data they were trained on.

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## **RESOURCES, APPENDICES AND FORMS:**

- Artificial Intelligence Use of Implementation Administrative Policy 3.2.7