

FOR ARKANSAS BOARDS OF EDUCATION

Five questions that help your board lead on AI.

Your board adopted an AI policy, and your community is counting on it to work in every classroom and office. These five questions show where your district stands and what support your superintendent needs.

1

Has every employee been trained on our AI policy?

Arkansas Act 848 of 2025 requires your district's AI policy to include training on appropriate use. A policy protects your students and staff only when the people using AI know what it says.

A strong answer sounds like this: Every teacher and staff member has completed training, and the district keeps a record of who attended and when.

2

Which AI tools have we approved, and who decides?

Act 848 requires the policy to name the authorized uses of AI. A short, clear list makes the right choice the easy choice for your teachers.

A strong answer sounds like this: We have a short list of approved tools, and a named person or committee reviews any new tool before staff use it.

3

How do we know student information stays private?

Federal law (FERPA) and Arkansas's Student Online Personal Information Protection Act both protect student information. AI tools change how easily that information can travel.

A strong answer sounds like this: Staff know not to enter student information into an AI tool unless the district has approved it, and every approved vendor has been reviewed for privacy.

4

Does a person make every final decision?

Act 848 requires an authorized employee, not a machine, to make final decisions. That matters most for grades, discipline, placement and special education.

A strong answer sounds like this: AI can help a professional prepare a draft, and the professional reviews it and makes the decision every time.

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What has AI given back to our teachers and students, and how will we know?

Your board approved the policy so that AI would serve your district. Measuring the results keeps the focus on time returned to teaching and on what students are learning.

A strong answer sounds like this: We track the time staff get back and what students gain, and the board receives an Annual AI Report each May.

Your superintendent can bring these answers to a regular board meeting. **Growth Right Solutions helps Arkansas districts put every one of these answers in place**, with training for every employee and an Annual AI Report to the Board each May.