

FOR ARKANSAS BOARDS OF EDUCATION

When a parent asks you about AI: talking points for board members.

Board members hear questions about AI at ballgames, at church and in the grocery store. These short answers match a typical Arkansas district AI policy, so please adjust any detail that differs from the policy your board adopted.

Are students using AI to cheat?

Our district's AI policy sets clear rules for when students may use AI and when they may not. Teachers are learning to design assignments that show what each student knows, and they are teaching students to use AI with integrity, the way they will use it in college and at work.

Is my child's information safe?

Federal and Arkansas privacy laws protect student information, and our policy tells staff not to enter student information into any AI tool the district has not approved. The district reviews the tools it approves for privacy before staff use them.

What about fake pictures of students?

Arkansas passed laws in 2025 that address fake intimate images, and our district treats any harmful AI-generated image of a student or staff member seriously. If your family ever sees one, please report it to the school right away so the school can act quickly.

Will AI replace our teachers?

No. Arkansas law requires a person, not a machine, to make every final decision. AI helps teachers with paperwork so they can spend more of their time teaching and with students.

Are our students learning about AI for their future?

Employers increasingly expect graduates to use AI well and responsibly. Our district is training teachers first, so they can guide students to use AI safely and to prepare for the careers ahead of them.

Who decides which AI tools our schools use?

The district approves a short list of AI tools under the policy the board adopted, and a named person reviews any new tool before staff use it. If you have a question about a specific tool, the best place to start is your child's principal.

When a question goes beyond these answers, the most helpful reply is **"That is a great question, and I will make sure the superintendent gets it."** Then pass it along, so every family hears the same answer from the district.