Policy XXXX
School Board

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

[CATEGORY]

Innovation in Instructional Technology Policy

I. PURPOSE

To establish a framework to ensure the safe, ethical, equitable, transparent use of educational technology that aligns with the division's educational mission.

II. SUMMARY OF CHANGES

- This is a new policy.

III. DEFINITIONS

Artificial Intelligence (AI): AI is a technology that uses computer programming and data to learn and perform tasks. AI tools use available data to make predictions, decisions, and create content.

AI Literacy: The set of competencies that enables individuals to critically evaluate, ethically use, and understand AI technologies. This includes knowledge of how AI systems work, the skills to use them effectively, and the ability to navigate their benefits and risks.

Generative AI: A subset of AI that can generate novel content, including text, images, audio, code, or other media, in response to user prompts. Examples include OpenAI ChatGPT, Google Gemini, and Anthropic Claude.

IV. PHILOSOPHY

The Fairfax County School Board recognizes that artificial intelligence (AI) is a powerful tool that can enhance human-centered education by supporting — not replacing — the professional judgment, creativity, and instructional expertise of Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) educators. The essential relationship between teacher and student remains the cornerstone of the educational experience, and the "human-in-the-loop" principle shall guide all AI implementation and use, beginning with human inquiry and concluding with human reflection, evaluation, and verification, while promoting age-

appropriate, balanced, and developmentally appropriate practices for students. This framework further reflects the Division's commitment to safeguarding student rights, mitigating risk, and ensuring compliance with applicable federal and state laws.

V. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Access to AI and Generative AI: Generative AI shall be accessible on digital devices per the Digital Literacy Plan authorized by the School Board. Generative AI may not be accessible to students ages 12 and younger. This restriction shall not apply to AI features that are integrated into search engines and graphic design software. Students with Individualized Education Plans requiring the use of specific technologies shall be exempted.

B. Family and Community Engagement: Information about how technology is selected for and used in instruction shall be clearly defined and publicly accessible. This includes but is not limited to:

- Annual Parent Digital Consent Forms
- Digital Ecosystem Library
- Reports on student usage, such as Lightspeed

C. Educational Technology Review Committee (ETRC)

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