

Lake Catholic High School

Artificial Intelligence Guiding Principles & Classroom Policies



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"In the era of artificial intelligence, when human dignity is threatened by new forms of dehumanization, ours is the pressing duty to remain profoundly human."

- Pope Leo XIV, *Magnifica Humanitas*, 15

Lake Catholic High School believes artificial intelligence (AI) should help us become more human, not less. As technology continues to evolve, we are committed to embracing the benefits of AI in ways that enrich learning, foster creativity, and improve efficiency while remaining rooted in our Catholic mission and the dignity of every person. Our goal is to equip students and staff with the knowledge and discernment to use AI responsibly, creating more time for the relationships, mentorship, and personal attention that define a Lake Catholic education. AI will always serve as a tool that enhances human judgment and authentic learning, never a replacement for them.



WHAT IS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE?

Artificial intelligence refers to computer systems that can perform tasks commonly associated with human intelligence, such as generating text, analyzing information, creating images, solving problems, recognizing patterns, translating languages, and assisting with decision-making.

AI is a powerful tool — but it remains just that: a tool. Human judgment, creativity, conscience, and relationships must always remain at the center of learning.

WHY WE TEACH AI

Rather than avoiding artificial intelligence, Lake Catholic prepares students to:

- Use AI ethically and honestly
- Think critically about AI-generated information
- Protect privacy and personal data
- Recognize bias and misinformation
- Communicate with integrity
- Use technology to serve others
- Strengthen—not replace—human relationships

The guiding principles that follow are rooted in Lake Catholic's core values, which are at the heart of everything we do and serve as the foundation for how we thoughtfully and responsibly integrate AI into our school community. We will continue to learn, adapt, and ensure that innovation is always used in service of our students, our community, and the common good.



Spirit of Respect and Compassion

- As a Catholic community, relationships are at the heart of education. Artificial intelligence will support, not replace, the human connections that foster mentorship, collaboration, compassion, and community. We will use AI to enhance learning while preserving the dignity of every person and our responsibility to care for one another as members of the Body of Christ.
- We will use technology in ways that respect the dignity of every person and support authentic human connection. At the same time, continuing to teach and train students and staff on best practices in using AI.



Personal Integrity

- The responsible use of artificial intelligence requires honesty, sound judgment, and respect for others. We will carefully evaluate AI tools to ensure they protect privacy, safeguard personal information, and uphold data integrity.
- As stewards of God's creation, we also recognize that technology has broader ethical and environmental impacts. We will encourage thoughtful decision-making that considers the well-being of others, the responsible use of resources, and the long-term effects of emerging technologies.



Willingness to Serve

- Lake Catholic will serve our students and staff members by providing equitable access to approved AI tools, while being able to recognize bias, question assumptions, and exercise discernment in evaluating AI-generated content.
- Rooted in Catholic Social Teaching, we will equip/challenge students to use AI not simply for personal success, but in service to others, the Church, and the common good.



Commitment to Excellence

- Academic excellence requires curiosity, critical thinking, creativity, and personal effort. AI can be a valuable learning tool, but it should support, not replace, an individual's learning experience.
- Students and employees are expected to use AI responsibly and ethically. Expectations for acceptable AI assistance will be clearly communicated so that academic integrity remains central to the educational experience.



"Created for relationship, every human person is planned and willed by God to enter into communion with him, with others and with creation."

Pope Leo XIV, Magnifica Humanitas, 50

"...it will always be human intelligence, with its conscience and freedom, that guides technical innovations and responsibly determines their use and limits."

Pope Leo XIV, Magnifica Humanitas, 97

"Teaching new generations that technological evolution does not follow a predetermined path, but can be guided by personal and collective responsibility, constitutes one of the most valuable services to the common good."

Pope Leo XIV, Magnifica Humanitas, 238

"Schools are not called to follow the pace of the digital world, but to offer that which the digital sphere by itself cannot provide, namely a shared time for learning and developing trustworthy relationships."

Pope Leo XIV, Magnifica Humanitas, 147

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Classroom AI Policy

As an extension of Lake Catholic's Guiding Principles for Artificial Intelligence (AI), students' coursework will be assigned with a level of permitted AI usage and criteria to ensure ethical use and academic integrity.

Level #	Usage Description	Examples	Disclosure Guidelines
0 No AI Allowed	AI cannot be used in any form	In-class assignments as described by the teacher	No AI disclosure required
1 AI-Assisted Research	AI can be used in an assistive role for brainstorming and research .	Brainstorming: asking questions, generating thesis ideas, as you begin your work or prepare for a presentation Research: finding reliable sources to be cited in your work	An AI disclosure statement must be included, specifying how the AI was used.
2 AI-Assisted Editing and Revision	AI can be used for minor content revision and refinement , as well as graphic creation.	Revision and Refinement: using AI as one would use a peer editor, tutor, or Grammarly	An AI disclosure statement must be included, specifying how the AI was used.
3 AI-Generated Content	AI may be used in a generative role to significantly alter or create content with appropriate citations.	Creation: graphics, paragraphs, etc. Problem Solving: chatting with a bot to develop a solution to a problem	All AI created content must be cited using proper MLA or APA citation Additionally, An AI disclosure statement must be included, specifying how the AI was used.

- Students are responsible for their final products.
- All work must be thoroughly reviewed prior to submitting
- All work must follow the disclosure guidelines.
- Example AI Disclosure Statement: "AI was used to support generating ideas for this outline. [Link to AI chat]"