



## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

# Student Use of AI for Learning

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Q1

**What does it mean to “use AI to support my learning” in practice?**

A1

Using AI to support your learning means engaging it as a tool to deepen your understanding and enhance your skills. Think of AI as your “Thought Partner” in learning. Examples include:

- Use AI to help develop ideas for a project.
  - After proofreading your work, use AI to correct grammar or suggest alternative phrasing.
  - Use AI to add creative elements or polish your project, such as turning your provided information into a song or creating illustrations to enhance a presentation.
  - Use AI as a personal learning coach to provide feedback on how to improve or enhance your finished product.
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Q2

**How do I ensure my privacy is respected?**

A2

To protect the privacy of all members of our school community, strictly avoid inputting any personally identifiable information (ie., names, ages, addresses, school names, student numbers, or any specific details that could identify you or another person) about any individual, including other students, parents, staff, or yourself, into any AI tool.

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Q3

**Why must I only use tools approved by the OCDSB?**

A3

Board-approved tools like Gemini and Canva have been vetted to meet our privacy and security standards. Non-approved tools may collect, store, or use your data and prompts in ways that are not secure and could be used to train their AI models.

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Q4

**Why is it important to check for bias in AI generated content?**

A4

A core component of digital citizenship and academic honesty is critically evaluating all information you choose to include in your work. You must fact-check, cross-reference with reliable sources, and analyze any AI generated content for accuracy and bias before using it to support and enhance your work.

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**What does it mean that my work must “primarily be a product of my own effort and thinking”?**

A5

This principle is aligned with the “80/20” guideline. The 80/20 guideline suggests that at least 20% of the final work must come from your direct input (drafting, summarizing, or brainstorming) without the assistance of AI.

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Q6

**When and how do I need to be transparent and cite my use of AI?**

A6

You must be transparent about your use of AI any time it has contributed to a piece of work you are submitting. Your teacher will provide specific instructions on how to cite AI use for assignments in their class. Unless otherwise directed, a clear and simple note is often sufficient. For example: *“I used Gemini on June 10, 2025, to brainstorm initial ideas for my project topic and to check a draft of my introduction for clarity.”*

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