

**FRESNO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION****Students****ACADEMIC HONESTY**

The County Superintendent and County Board believe that academic honesty and personal integrity are fundamental components of a student's education and character development. The County Superintendent and County Board expect that students will not cheat, lie, plagiarize, or commit other acts of academic dishonesty.

Students, parents/guardians, staff, and administrators shall be responsible for creating and maintaining a positive school climate that encourages honesty. Students found to have committed an act of academic dishonesty shall be subject to applicable discipline rules.

Prohibited and Permitted Technology Use

As the County Superintendent's standards for academic achievement are designed to challenge all students to reach their full potential in acquiring the knowledge and skills needed for success in postsecondary education, employment, and responsible citizenship, any use of technology that prevents or inhibits a student from achieving these standards is prohibited. Prohibited uses include, but are not limited to, using technology primarily or solely for the completion of coursework as a student's original work and generating answers to mathematical, scientific, or analytical problems.

Permitted uses of technology include, but are not limited to, conducting research, correcting grammar and spelling, and learning from educational applications such as tutoring systems and language learning applications.

Additionally, consistent with the limitations expressed in this policy and with teacher consent, students may also use technology to assist with assessments, homework, and/or makeup work or other uses approved by the teacher.

However, a student with a disability shall be permitted to use technology for any purpose identified in the student's individualized education program as a tool to support the student's learning.

If an employee suspects that a student has used technology in violation of this policy, the student shall be given the opportunity to demonstrate that the use of technology was in accordance with this policy.

Any information acquired from an employee's use of technology in determining whether a student has committed an act of academic dishonesty shall be shared with the student, and the student's parent/guardian as appropriate.

The County Superintendent or designee may provide training to staff regarding the use of technology to improve education, including the detection of plagiarism.

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Legal Reference

Education Code

35291-35291.5 Rules

56341.1 Assistive technology devices for a student with a disability

United States Code, Title 20

1401 Assistive technology device; definition

Management Resources

Metropolitan Ed. Research Consortium Publication

Balancing the Benefits and Risks of AI Large Language Models in K12 Public Schools, 2023

USDOE Office of Educational Technology Publication

Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Teaching and Learning: Insights and Recommendations,
May 2023

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