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# BSS DEPARTMENT AI POLICY

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# ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)

## Pros

- Can be a great idea generator (e.g., for paper/project topics)
- Can provide instant feedback on grammar and writing
- Can provide a personalized and adaptive learning [environment](#) (e.g., AI tutors)

## Cons

- Can reduce engagement in reflective thinking ([cognitive offloading](#))
  - Negative correlation between frequent AI usage and critical thinking [abilities](#) (mediated by cognitive offloading)
  - Associated with lower academic performance and [memory loss](#)
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# THE ISSUE

- High number of AI generated submissions across BSS
    - Particularly true for online courses
  - Some faculty have decided to integrate AI into assignments while others have not
  - No college-wide AI policy
    - We are the only district in the area that does not have a college-wide AI policy
  - **Challenge:** Design an AI policy that can work for all faculty in BSS
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# PROCESS

- Began discussing a potential AI policy in August 2025
    - Needed to give faculty space to discuss their AI opinions before settling on a policy
  - Composed a [list of policies](#) from other schools and presented options in the September department meeting
  - Agreed on a policy by the end of the September meeting to be used in late start classes in Fall and across classes in Spring.
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# CURRENT DEPARTMENT-WIDE AI POLICY

- Submitting any work (text, video, audio, images, etc) containing any content all or partially generated by artificial intelligence (ChatGPT, Bard, Gemini, etc) when not explicitly directed to do so by the instructor will be considered an act of academic dishonesty and you may not receive credit for that assignment. The unacknowledged use of Generative Artificial Intelligence or Large Language Models such as ChatGPT, Bard, Gemini and so forth to generate responses to assignment prompts is plagiarism.
    - Allows faculty to still integrate AI use into assignments if they choose
    - Provides language to students about what is and what is not acceptable AI use within BSS
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# CURRENT NEEDS

- College-wide AI policy
    - District wide AI task force
    - Academic integrity workgroup?
  - Engaging students in conversations about AI
    - We cannot expect students to know how to use AI "appropriately" if we do not teach them.
  - Teaching faculty how to integrate AI/ways to use AI to research but not to complete assignments
    - We cannot engage in these conversations without having baseline knowledge ourselves
      - Paying faculty who are interested in this
        - Marissa's sabbatical project
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