

# Artificial Intelligence (AI) Task Force Update

## Overview

Downey Unified School District established an AI Task Force to guide the thoughtful, safe, and effective integration of artificial intelligence across the district. The work of the Task Force focuses on preparing students and staff to responsibly use emerging technologies while maintaining a strong emphasis on student learning, safety, and equity.

## Purpose and Scope

The AI Task Force is responsible for:

- Exploring the role of artificial intelligence in education
- Identifying opportunities to enhance teaching, learning, and operational efficiency
- Developing guidance and recommendations for responsible AI use across the District

This work aligns with statewide and national efforts to ensure AI implementation supports student success while addressing risks such as data privacy and academic integrity.

## Key Focus Areas

The Task Force centers its work on several priority areas:

- **Teaching and Learning:**  
Supporting instructional practices that integrate AI to enhance student engagement, critical thinking, and personalized learning experiences
- **AI Literacy:**  
Building understanding among students and staff on how AI works and how to use it responsibly
- **Ethics and Responsible Use:**  
Promoting appropriate use of AI tools, including maintaining academic integrity and ensuring human-centered learning practices
- **Data Privacy and Security:**  
Protecting student and staff information and ensuring compliance with state and federal requirements
- **Equitable Access:**  
Ensuring all students and staff have access to AI tools and opportunities, without creating new disparities

These focus areas reflect common guidance for school systems implementing AI in a safe and effective manner. [[cde.ca.gov](https://cde.ca.gov)]

## Implementation and Support

The District is taking a phased approach to AI integration, which includes:

- Providing professional development and training for staff
- Identifying appropriate AI tools for classroom and operational use
- Establishing clear expectations and guidance for use
- Engaging educational partners in ongoing discussion and feedback

## Benefits and Considerations

Artificial intelligence offers opportunities to:

- Personalize learning experiences for students
- Support teacher efficiency and instructional planning
- Expand access to educational resources

At the same time, the District recognizes the importance of:

- Maintaining student privacy and data protection
- Avoiding overreliance on technology
- Ensuring AI enhances, rather than replaces, high-quality instruction

## Next Steps

The AI Task Force will continue its work by:

- Developing district guidance and best practices for AI use
- Expanding professional learning opportunities
- Monitoring emerging trends and regulations
- Providing updates and recommendations to district leadership and the Board