

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1734

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; stating legislative  
8 findings; creating the Oklahoma Responsible  
9 Technology in Schools Act; providing short title;  
10 providing purpose; defining terms; prohibiting  
11 artificial intelligence tools from being used in  
12 public school districts for certain purposes except  
13 under certain circumstances; requiring artificial  
14 intelligence use to comply with certain provisions;  
15 directing the State Department of Education to  
16 develop and make available guidance regarding certain  
17 use of artificial intelligence and emerging  
18 technologies; requiring school district boards of  
19 education to adopt certain policy prior to the  
20 beginning of certain school year; providing for  
21 minimum contents of policy; providing certain  
22 construction; providing for promulgation of rules;  
23 providing for codification; providing an effective  
24 date; and declaring an emergency.

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

20 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified

21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-120 of Title 70, unless there  
22 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 A. The Legislature finds that technology in the classroom

24 including artificial intelligence is increasingly present and

1 pervasive in educational environments. Classroom teachers play an  
2 essential and irreplaceable role in a student's educational career,  
3 and artificial intelligence tools, when used in classrooms, should  
4 supplement educator-led instruction, not supplant it. The absence  
5 of consistent guardrails for student-facing emerging technologies  
6 may increase risks to student data privacy and instructional  
7 integrity.

8 B. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma  
9 Responsible Technology in Schools Act". The purpose of the act is  
10 to provide clarity, accountability, and consistency by:

11 1. Establishing principles and guardrails for the appropriate  
12 and responsible use of artificial intelligence in public school  
13 districts in this state;

14 2. Protecting student data, privacy, and educational integrity;  
15 3. Preserving local control and educator discretion; and  
16 4. Supporting transparency to students and families.

17 C. As used in this act:

18 1. "Artificial intelligence" or "AI" means a system or  
19 application consistent with the definition set forth in 15 U.S.C.,  
20 Section 9401(3);

21 2. "Classroom AI tool" means an artificial intelligence  
22 application used to support instruction, learning activities,  
23 assessment assistance, or educator workflows in a school setting;

1       3. "Educator-directed AI use" means use of an artificial  
2       intelligence tool under the supervision and professional judgment of  
3       a teacher or school employee;

4       4. "Student-facing AI tool" means an artificial intelligence  
5       tool with which students interact directly as part of an  
6       instructional activity; and

7       5. "Human-in-the-loop" means that an educator or authorized  
8       school employee maintains oversight, review, and final decision-  
9       making authority over outputs generated by an artificial  
10      intelligence tool.

11      D. Artificial intelligence tools shall not be used in public  
12      school districts in this state for instructional or educational  
13      purposes except through educator-directed AI use, subject to  
14      applicable law and the policy of the school district board of  
15      education.

16      E. If artificial intelligence is used in a public school  
17      district in this state, such use shall be subject to the following:

18       1. All classroom AI tools shall be deployed through educator-  
19       directed AI use. The responsibility for decisions informed by  
20       artificial intelligence shall remain with school employees and shall  
21       not be delegated to an artificial intelligence system or vendor;

22       2. Classroom AI tools and student-facing AI tools shall operate  
23       with a human-in-the-loop. Outputs generated by artificial  
24       intelligence shall be reviewed by an educator or authorized school

1 employee prior to use in instruction, feedback, assessment, or  
2 decision-making;

3       3. Artificial intelligence tools shall not be used as the  
4 primary basis for student grading, discipline, placement, promotion,  
5 retention, or other high-stakes educational decisions;

6       4. Student-facing AI tools shall be appropriate to the age and  
7 developmental level of students and shall be used only for clearly  
8 defined educational or instructional purposes;

9       5. Artificial intelligence tools shall comply with applicable  
10 federal and state student data privacy and security laws including  
11 the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) and  
12 shall meet recognized industry standards or otherwise stringent  
13 private audit and security standards. School districts shall take  
14 reasonable steps to minimize the amount of student data shared with  
15 artificial intelligence tools; and

16       6. School districts in this state shall address transparency  
17 regarding the instructional use of artificial intelligence including  
18 communication to students and families regarding the role and  
19 limitations of such tools.

20       F. The State Department of Education shall develop and make  
21 available guidance regarding the responsible use of artificial  
22 intelligence and emerging technologies for public school districts  
23 in this state.

1       G. Prior to the beginning of the 2027-2028 school year, each  
2 school district board of education shall adopt and maintain a policy  
3 governing the use of artificial intelligence and emerging  
4 technologies. The policy shall at a minimum:

5       1. Identify roles or school employees responsible for approving  
6 and overseeing the use of artificial intelligence tools;

7       2. Address appropriate instructional uses and prohibited uses;

8       3. Address student data protection and data minimization  
9 practices;

10      4. Address transparency to students and families;

11      5. Provide for periodic review and updates; and

12      6. Comply with the provisions set forth in subsection E of this  
13 section and the guidance developed by the State Department of  
14 Education.

15      H. Nothing in this section shall be construed to:

16      1. Require a public school district in this state to use  
17 artificial intelligence in any school; or

18      2. Limit the authority of school district boards of education  
19 to make decisions regarding instructional methods or technology use.

20      I. The State Board of Education may promulgate rules to  
21 implement the provisions of this section.

22      SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.

23      SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
24 of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.  
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