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Dear Parents/Guardians

We are excited to inform you that MHS is adopting the school-approved generative AI platform called Magic School. After over a year of research and a pilot program with students, we have decided that this tool will best support our students' academic success.

What is Generative AI?

Generative AI is a form of artificial intelligence that generates new content based on existing data. AI enhances learning by providing immediate feedback and personalized support, allowing students to learn at their own pace. Magic School, the AI educational platform we adopted, will provide feedback on essays, help students brainstorm project ideas, offer tutoring in various subjects, and clarify complex concepts from their lessons.

Privacy and Academic Integrity

Magic School meets all required regulations for student data security, including SOPPA, FERPA, and COPPA, ensuring that students' personal and educational information is protected.

The district adheres to strict privacy policies and complies with laws such as FERPA and COPPA. Every AI tool must go through a data privacy review. Tools that collect, store, or process student data are approved only if they meet rigorous safety standards and provide clear protections for student privacy.

- **SOPPA (Student Online Personal Protection Act):** Protects students' personal data online.
- **FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act):** Safeguards student educational records.
- **COPPA (Children's Online Privacy Protection Act):** Ensures that data collection from children under 13 is strictly regulated.

AI tools are designed to assist, not replace, educators and staff. Teachers remain the most important influence in the classroom. The district is committed to ensuring that AI is used in ways that support, rather than substitute for, the work of caring professionals.

Additionally, academic dishonesty is not possible with these tools, as they are designed to support learning rather than produce work that is not original to the student. We will continue to monitor students' usage to ensure they are using the tools responsibly.

We recognize that students may have access to other AI platforms, such as ChatGPT, Claude, and Google's Gemini. These platforms are not fully approved for educational use in schools; therefore, they will not be accessible on our network for student use. Additionally, we have updated our **District Integrity Policy** to include the following: "**Unapproved use of generative AI (a type of artificial intelligence that creates new content from existing data).**" Here is a [link](#) to the board-approved policy.

We would like to invite you to a **Zoom AI training on Wednesday, October 29th, at 6:30 pm**. This is designed for all parents/guardians of students of any age.



Our goals for the session include:

- Learn what generative AI is and how it can support learning.
- See how Magic School and other AI tools can help with homework, projects, and tutoring.
- Practice simple ways to use AI together with your student at home.
- Learn how to guide and supervise your student to ensure they use AI safely and responsibly.

Additional resources for families:

- [Magic School overview- English and Spanish](#)
- [Magic School for educators and students](#)
- [Family Engagement: Understanding AI | Common Sense Education](#)
- [AI in Education](#)
- [Guía esencial para padres sobre la IA generativa](#)

Please complete this digital form (<https://tinyurl.com/3aujsr6x>) by Friday, October 24th, to attend this virtual presentation. We will email a Zoom link to all participants closer to the date of the event.

Please do not hesitate to email me at sgorman@d120.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Stacey Gorman', is positioned above the printed name.

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