

CREATING AN AI POLICY: DIGITAL LITERACY-FOCUSED RESEARCH PROJECT FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS

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EXAMPLE Rationale for AI Policy

As stated by the National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA), the purpose of speech and debate programs is to "foster each student's communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creative skills." The use of generative AI contradicts this mission, as it limits creativity and hinders students' ability to develop their own ideas.

Additionally, AI is inconsistent in producing accurate information; thus, it is not a reliable source. Students must practice media literacy skills and seek accurate, credible sources to support their viewpoints. Students who elect to participate in a speech and debate program should have the opportunity to build these skills authentically, without the interference of AI.

The use of generative AI in materials intended for competition violates principles of academic integrity and undermines the spirit of speech and debate contests. Competition staff and volunteers reserve the right to complete AI verification in order to maintain the integrity of the program.

Despite these concerns, it is important for students and faculty alike to explore appropriate uses of AI. Therefore, it is acceptable to use AI to produce practice materials. The efficiency of generative AI makes it a valuable tool in creating topic lists, sample arguments, and other preparatory items.

Violation of this policy may result in disqualification from speech and debate events.

Name(s): TYPE Date: TYPE Period: TYPE

AI Use Policy: High School Students

All students are expected to comply with the following guidelines.

1. Type rule 1 here.

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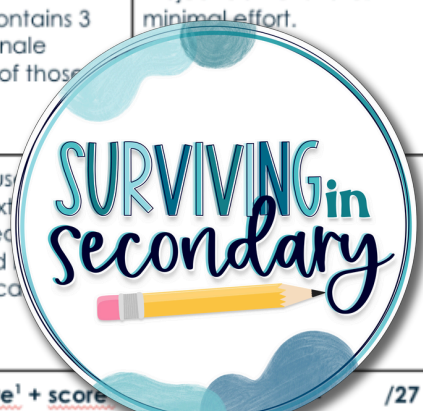
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AI Policy Project Rubric

CATEGORY	3	2	1	0
KNOWLEDGE OF AI STRENGTHS & LIMITATIONS SCORE X 3 = /9	Project demonstrates exceptional knowledge of AI's strengths and limitations, possibly going beyond what was discussed in class.	Project demonstrates clear knowledge of AI's strengths and limitations.	Project demonstrates limited knowledge of AI's strengths and limitations.	Project does not demonstrate knowledge of AI's strengths and limitations.
UNDERSTANDING OF AUDIENCE & CONTEXT SCORE X 3 = /9	Project demonstrates full understanding of audience and context. Policy and rationale are completely appropriate and relevant for the intended audience.	Project demonstrates some understanding of audience and context. Policy and rationale are mostly appropriate and relevant for the intended audience.	Project demonstrates limited understanding of audience and context. Policy and rationale are mostly not appropriate and relevant for the intended audience.	Project demonstrates no understanding of audience and context. Policy and rationale are not at all appropriate and relevant for the intended audience.
ADHERENCE TO PROJECT GUIDELINES SCORE X 2 = /6	Complete adherence to project guidelines, possibly exceeding expectations. AI policy contains 5 distinct rules. Rationale addresses all aspects of the proposed policy.	Adheres to more than half of project guidelines. Ex. AI policy contains 5 distinct rules but rationale only addresses 3 out of the 5 rules.	Adheres to less than 50% of project guidelines. Ex. AI policy contains 3 rules and rationale addresses 1-2 of those rules.	Does not adhere to project guidelines. Project demonstrates minimal effort.
USE OF SOURCES & CITATIONS SCORE X 1 = /3	All sources used are credible. In-text citations and works cited page are completed according to MLA guidelines.	All sources used are credible. In-text citations and works cited page are completed with minimal errors.	Most sources used are credible. In-text citations and works cited are attempted contain significant errors.	
TOTAL SCORE				

score¹ + score² /27



WHY WILL YOU (AND YOUR STUDENTS) FALL IN LOVE WITH THIS RESOURCE?

- ✓ Low-prep & editable
- ✓ 4 premade versions + a blank copy
- ✓ Contemporary & relevant
- ✓ Promotes critical thinking

Tackle AI
with ease!

PLEASE NOTE: Google Drive is REQUIRED to edit

The image displays two overlapping notebook-style templates for creating an AI policy. The top template, titled "AI Use Policy: Journalists", features a header with fields for "Name(s): TYPE", "Date: TYPE", and "Period: TYPE". Below the title, it states "All employees are expected to comply with the following guidelines." and provides five numbered lines for rules: "1. Type rule 1 here.", "2. Type rule 2 here.", "3. Type rule 3 here.", "4. Type rule 4 here.", and "5. Type rule 5 here.". The bottom template, titled "Rationale for AI Policy", also has a header with "Name(s): TYPE" and "Date: TYPE". It prompts the user to "Type rationale for your AI policy here. Your explanation of all of the rules from your previous slide." and includes instructions: "If you are using research and/or outside evidence, be sure to cite your sources." and "Remember your audience! You are trying to convince the people who must follow the policy that this is in their best interest. Your rationale should be relevant and appropriate for the audience." Both templates have a spiral binding on the left side.

