

How to Introduce Ethical AI Use Guidelines in Class

Step 1: Set the Tone

Start with a short statement that frames AI as a tool for thinking, not a way to skip learning.

Example script:

“AI is changing the world — and the classroom. We're going to talk about how we can use it responsibly, just like we do with calculators, Chromebooks, or even highlighters.”

Step 2: Read It Together

- Project or pass out the AI Use Guidelines
- Read it aloud or ask students to read silently and highlight anything that surprises them

Optional: Break into pairs to discuss one "OK" and one "Not OK" that stands out

Step 3: Class Discussion (5–10 minutes)

Prompt choices:

- “Why do you think these rules matter?”
- “What would happen if we didn’t have any rules for using AI?”
- “What do you think is fair or unfair about these?”

Keep it informal — the goal is to start a conversation, not lock down policy.

Step 4: AI Ethos Quick-Write

Ask students to answer the prompt:

*What role should AI play in your learning this year?
(1–2 sentences — just your thoughts.)*

This can be turned in, shared aloud, or kept in notebooks/portfolios.

Bonus Tips

- No shame: Students are curious. Invite honesty.
- Revisit often: AI tools evolve. Keep the conversation open.
- Make it yours: Feel free to adapt the guidelines to your tone, grade, or content area.