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Technology in the Classroom

Teachwell desires to use technology in a way that aids in the education of students. New devices and applications offer a number of helpful tools that can improve the student experience and increase learning. Many of these devices and applications also create concerns about student privacy. It is the goal of Teachwell to embrace the helpful elements of technological advancement while remaining mindful of potential student privacy issues.

Devices

Teachers who wish to bring a device into the classroom should inform the principal before deploying the device. The building principal may at his or her discretion prohibit the use of such devices or otherwise limit their use. The building principal may at any time direct that a teacher discontinue use of a given device.

Smart speakers such as Google Home, Amazon Echo, Apple HomePod, and similar devices may be approved for use in the classroom. The device must be registered to an account linked to the classroom teacher's school email address. Teachwell will not maintain any records created by use of the smart speaker device.

All other electronic devices that connect to the internet that a staff member wishes to use for the education of students should be disclosed to the administration prior to use. Any classroom recordings made by a staff member will be made pursuant to Teachwell policy.

Assistive Technology

Assistive technology may be used in Teachwell classrooms. Any assistive technology, such as an AngelSense device, that actively or passively creates or transmits audio or video recordings must have that function disabled while the student uses the device in a Teachwell classroom unless required by law. No assistive technology devices will be permitted to record or transmit the classroom activity of other students unless required by law.

Applications, Generally

The school will serve as an agent for parents/guardians in the collection of information within the school context. The school's use of student information is solely for education purposes.

Teachwell Applications

Teachwell uses various software applications to record, track, and store student data. Each application selected by Teachwell is in compliance with federal and state law, to the best of the administration's knowledge. Should Teachwell become aware that an application used by Teachwell has suffered a data breach, or been found to be out of compliance with federal or state law, Teachwell will investigate the scope of the violations and notify students, parents, and staff in accordance with Teachwell policy.

Staff-Selected Applications

Staff are permitted to select applications for use in the classroom. Staff must perform basic due diligence to ensure that the application is safe for students and serves a pedagogical purpose. Staff must notify their supervising administrator of the application they plan to use as part of their lesson plan prior to their use in the classroom. Teachwell may at any time direct that a teacher discontinue use of a given application. Teachwell will provide training on the relevant student privacy laws to staff members who are selecting and deploying applications in the classroom.

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