

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Technology Use Policy

2026–2027 School Year

Tiegerman recognizes that artificial intelligence (AI), including generative AI, can offer educational benefits but may also raise concerns about student development, academic integrity, privacy, accuracy, and appropriate use of technology. Tiegerman will use technology intentionally to support learning, communication, collaboration, and individual student needs.

Student Use of Generative AI

For the 2026–2027 school year, Tiegerman will comply with the applicable New York City Public Schools requirements on student-facing generative AI and screen use.

- Grades 2K–8: Student-facing generative AI is not permitted unless it is an approved accessibility or assistive technology necessary to support a student's individual educational needs.
- Grades 9–12: Generative AI may be used only through approved or vetted programs and, when specifically authorized by Tiegerman staff, for instructional purposes.
- Students must follow all teachers and school directives on AI use. If an assignment or course does not clearly address AI use, students must obtain permission before using AI.
- Unauthorized use of generative AI for assignments, examinations, projects, or other academic work may constitute unauthorized assistance or plagiarism and may result in disciplinary or administrative action under the Tiegerman Code of Conduct.
- When AI use is permitted, students will be required to disclose and/or cite the AI tool and explain how it was used.

Screen-Time Expectations

Tiegerman will limit routine 1:1 student screen time and ensure that technology serves a clear instructional purpose and receives appropriate staff supervision. Recommended guidelines include:

- Grades 2K–2: No routine 1:1 screen time.
- Grades 3–5: Recommended no more than 30 minutes of daily 1:1 screen time.
- Grades 6–8: Recommended no more than 45 minutes of daily 1:1 screen time.
- Grades 9–12: Screen use will be determined by course and instructional needs.

These guidelines do not restrict teachers' use of technology for whole- or small-group instruction.

Accessibility and Individual Student Needs

Technology restrictions do not apply to necessary assistive or accessibility technology that a student needs to access instruction, communicate, participate, or demonstrate learning. Technology required by a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) will continue to be provided and used as appropriate.

Staff Use of AI

Tiegerman staff may use approved AI tools for instructional planning and administrative purposes in accordance with applicable privacy, confidentiality, and security requirements. Staff remain responsible for reviewing AI-generated information to ensure accuracy, appropriateness, and relevance.

AI will not replace qualified professionals or professional judgment in areas such as student grading, behavior monitoring, educational placement, promotion or graduation decisions, special education decision-making, counseling, crisis intervention, or therapeutic services.

Privacy and Confidentiality

Students, families, and staff must not enter confidential, personally identifiable, or protected student information into public or unapproved AI platforms.

Tiegerman will continue to monitor developments in AI and applicable requirements and may update this policy as needed. Families with questions should contact their building administration.