## **Faculty Brief**

This brief is designed to capture and share clear answers to common faculty questions, ensuring that when one faculty member asks, the whole community benefits from the response.

# Does SMCC or MCCCD have any sort of official policy that defines the usage of AI in classes?

#### **ANSWER**

Currently, MCCCD does not have a single, district-wide "AI policy" that mandates how artificial intelligence must be used in classrooms. Instead, the district provides guidance, resources, and recommendations for faculty to consider when designing courses, assignments, and classroom expectations.

Faculty are encouraged to clearly define in their syllabi how AI tools may or may not be used by students, in alignment with academic integrity standards and course learning outcomes.

#### **WHY IT MATTERS**

Artificial intelligence is rapidly influencing how students learn, write, and solve problems.

- Clear guidance reduces confusion.
- Consistency maintains academic integrity.
- Transparent expectations help students succeed fairly.

#### **RESOURCES**

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### **HLC Criteria Alignment**

- 2.A: Actions taken by the institution's governing board, administration, faculty, and staff demonstrate adherence to established policies and procedures.
- 3.B: The institution's educational programs engage students in collecting, analyzing, and communicating information; in practicing modes of intellectual inquiry or creative work; and in developing skills adaptable to changing environments.