

2.22 Artificial Intelligence and Digital Technologies: Use and Safety

Resolution passed 2007; amended 2013; amended 2019; amended 2025

Whereas, artificial intelligence (AI) technologies are becoming increasingly integrated into education tools and daily life, and students must be equipped not only to use AI productively and responsibly but also to understand its risks and ethical implications; and

Whereas, 95% of teens now report they have a smartphone or access to one. Between computers and mobile devices, children have more access to the internet than ever before, with 45% of teens now saying they are online on a near-constant basis, with AI algorithms influencing much of their online experience; and

Whereas, there are growing concerns about the impact of digital technologies, AI, the internet, online gaming, video streaming, and social media on children's and youth's emotional and physical well-being, particularly regarding fear, anxiety, and depression, and online exposure to inappropriate material, child exploitation, harassment, and privacy risks; and

Whereas, school districts must annually review their policy and procedures on electronic resources and internet safety, per RCW 28A.650.045, including the consideration of best practices, resources, and models for instruction in digital citizenship, internet safety, and media literacy, including methods to involve parents.

Therefore, be it

Resolved, that Washington State PTA and its local PTAs and councils will work with school districts, educators, families, students, partners, and the community to heighten technological awareness and skills to promote responsible, safe and ethical use of AI and digital technologies, ensuring that youth are prepared for both the opportunities and risks of these tools; and be it further

Resolved, that Washington State PTA will work with digital service providers, platforms, lawmakers, and law enforcement in developing and dedicating resources to programs that will ensure the safety of youth online; and be it further

Resolved, that the Washington State PTA and its local PTAs and councils will advocate for the creation and adoption of model policies to increase students' and educators' digital, media, and artificial intelligence literacies, promote academic integrity, enable responsible use of AI, and safeguard students and educators from potential harms associated with AI and digital technologies including privacy violations, impersonation, fraud, manipulation, exploitation, algorithmic bias, and misinformation.