What to Know about ChatGPT

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ChatGPT is a new artificial intelligence platform that's making waves and headlines for its ability to simulate human conversation, to respond to questions or prompts, and to write essays, lyrics, computer programs, and more.

This chatbot has gone viral for its vast ability to generate written content with creative responses and respond to follow-up questions, as well as for its potential for misuse in education, among other areas, and cybersecurity risks.

Access to ChatGPT for students is restricted through the EUSD network and student iPads. However, students have the ability to access the chatbot off-campus or on a personal device.

In EUSD, ChatGPT should not be used as a replacement for original work. Any content generated from ChatGPT should be used only as a reference or starting point. When used properly, ChatGPT can assist in a variety of ways in researching data and developing sample communication materials.

Examples of potential misuse of ChatGPT in education include submitting generated text as one's own original work without making any changes or edits; using the tool to complete an assignment; and using the tool to generate text that is not appropriate or relevant to the assignment or topic, among others. As a language-generation chatbot model, rather than a language-understanding model, ChatGPT may generate content that contains inaccuracies or plausible but nonsensical responses to questions.

Apps such as Copyscape, Grammarly, and Turnitin can be used to detect text that has been generated by AI or help identify any text that matches existing content on the internet. ChatGPT has built-in controls to help prevent harmful or deceitful responses, such as questions regarding violence, bullying, or illegal activities.

We will continue to monitor developments in the use of ChatGPT and how it affects our work. In the meantime, reach out to your principal, supervisor, or the Information Services and Technology team for any guidance.