

Ten questions before you approve an AI pilot

Use these as a first gate — not a complete governance framework.

01 Authority and purpose

Who defines and approves the purpose? Who may approve a change in purpose?

02 Minimum data

What is the least data required? Ask the vendor to justify every category.

03 Identity

Does the task truly need a name, account, student ID, or permanent profile?

04 Sources and freshness

Can users open the source, identify its authority, and see when it was verified?

05 Access and reuse

Who can process or reuse data, including vendors and subprocessors? Is it used for training?

06 Uncertainty

What happens when information is missing, stale, contradictory, or outside scope?

07 Decision rights

Which decisions remain with authorized people? Can they correct, disagree, and appeal?

08 Real-world access

Does the full workflow work on phones, weak connections, shared devices, and without an account?

09 Lifecycle

Can data be corrected, exported, deleted, and assigned a specific retention period?

10 Exit

How can the Tribe stop the pilot or leave the vendor? What is returned, deleted, or left behind?