



# AI for Educators: Resources, Courses, Communities, and Policy Guidance

## Overview:

This curated list is built for U.S. K–12 and higher-ed educators and administrators who want to *learn about AI and implement it responsibly in classrooms and institutions*. It includes professional learning, ready-to-teach curriculum, communities and events, student-safe tools, platform offers, and policy/privacy guidance. Nearly everything here is free or offers a free tier; where pricing applies, it's noted. Links are shown in full for easy sharing.

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## Programs & Courses (PD and self-paced)

- **Mark Cuban Foundation — Teacher Newsletter (HS)**

Short, classroom-ready updates from the national AI Bootcamps program.

**Cost:** Free

<https://markcubanai.org/teachers/>

- **Mark Cuban Foundation — Teacher Fellowship (HS)**

Year-long, paid PD with mentorship and a national educator cohort.

**Cost:** Free; stipend included

<https://markcubanai.org/teachers/> (see “Teacher Fellowship”)

- **Mark Cuban Foundation — Teacher Bootcamp (HS)**

10-session virtual PD series on AI foundations, ethics, and classroom use.

**Cost:** Free

<https://markcubanai.org/teachers/> (see “Teacher Bootcamp”)

- **OpenAI Academy**

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On-demand videos + live sessions for K–12 and higher ed.

**Cost:** Free (account required)

<https://academy.openai.com/>

- **Anthropic Academy — “AI Fluency: Framework & Foundations”**

Short course (Delegation, Description, Discernment, Diligence); certificate available.

**Cost:** Free

<https://anthropic.skilljar.com/ai-fluency-framework-foundations>

- **Microsoft Learn — AI for Educators**

Free modules on Copilot/AI, prompt literacy, and responsible use.

**Cost:** Free

<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/training/courses/ai-education>

- **Code.org — AI 101 for Teachers**

A foundational course and practical activities for any subject area.

**Cost:** Free

<https://code.org/professional-learning/artificial-intelligence-101>

General AI resources hub: <https://code.org/artificial-intelligence>

- **ISTE & ASCD — Artificial Intelligence Explorations for Educators**

Structured 15-hour course (scholarship periods occur at times).

**Cost:** Paid course; scholarships available periodically

<https://iste.org/courses/artificial-intelligence-explorations-for-educators>

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# Curriculum & Lesson Libraries (ready to teach)

- **aiEDU (The AI Education Project)**

Free lessons, PD, and “AI Snapshots” you can drop into any class.

**Cost:** Free

<https://www.aiedu.org/teach-ai>

- **AI4K12 Initiative**

The K–12 “Five Big Ideas of AI,” draft guidelines, and curated resources.

**Cost:** Free

<https://ai4k12.org/>

- **CSTA & AI4K12 — AI Learning Priorities**

What every student should learn about AI, aligned to CS standards work.

**Cost:** Free

<https://csteachers.org/ai-priorities/>

- **AI4ALL — Open Learning (HS)**

Free, project-based HS modules (e.g., sentiment analysis) with teacher supports.

**Cost:** Free

<https://ai-4-all.org/resources-all/>

- **Experience AI (Raspberry Pi Foundation + Google DeepMind, ages 11–14)**

Complete lesson packs and a short teacher course.

**Cost:** Free

<https://experience-ai.org/en/>

- **MIT RAISE — Day of AI**

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Free Creative-Commons K–12 curriculum + PD on AI literacy and ethics.

**Cost:** Free

<https://dayofai.org/>

July Summit & wider K–12 initiatives: <https://raise.mit.edu/>

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## Communities, Forums & Events

- **OpenAI Forum**

Global community with webinars and educator interest groups (e.g., AI in Higher Education).

**Cost:** Free (membership required)

<https://forum.openai.com/>

- **OpenAI Academy — Events & K–12 Community**

Rolling calendar of online events and a dedicated K–12 hub.

**Cost:** Free (account required)

Events: <https://academy.openai.com/public/events>

K–12 Community:

<https://academy.openai.com/public/clubs/k-12-education-aacga/overview>

- **LinkedIn — ChatGPT for Education**

Official showcase with classroom examples and updates.

**Cost:** Free

<https://www.linkedin.com/showcase/chatgpt-for-education/>

- **EDUCAUSE (Higher-ed)**

Generative AI resource hub, events, and readiness assessment.

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**Cost:** Mostly free resources; membership may be required for some content

<https://library.educause.edu/topics/teaching-and-learning/teaching-with-artificial-intelligence>

- **Stanford HAI / Teaching Commons**

Practical teaching guides and K–12 initiatives (CRAFT).

**Cost:** Free resources

Teaching guide:

<https://teachingcommons.stanford.edu/teaching-guides/artificial-intelligence-teaching-guide>

K–12: <https://hai.stanford.edu/education/k-12>

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## Features Worth Trying with Students

- **ChatGPT — Study Mode**

Guides learners with questions and checks for understanding (not just answers). Available on Free, Plus, Pro, and Team; coming to ChatGPT Edu.

**Cost:** Included with ChatGPT

<https://openai.com/index/chatgpt-study-mode/>

- **Google Gemini — Guided Learning**

“Learning companion” mode with step-by-step prompts, visuals, and explanations to build real understanding.

**Cost:** Included with Gemini

<https://blog.google/outreach-initiatives/education/guided-learning/>

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# Tools & Platform Offers

- **Google — Gemini for Students (Google AI Pro)**

Eligible college students can get 12 months of AI Pro (Gemini 2.5 Pro access, NotebookLM enhancements, 2TB storage, etc.). Verification via SheerID; available in select countries.

**Cost:** Free for 12 months (eligible students)

<https://support.google.com/googleone/answer/16417758>

- **Anthropic — Claude for Education (Institutional)**

University-wide plan for students, faculty, and staff; emphasis on learning mode, privacy, and responsible use.

**Cost:** Institutional pricing

<https://www.anthropic.com/solutions/education>

- **Khan Academy — Khanmigo for Teachers**

AI-assisted lesson prep, objectives, rubrics, and more.

**Cost:** Free for teachers

<https://www.khanmigo.ai/teachers>

- **MagicSchool AI**

80+ teacher tools (lesson plans, rubrics, accommodations, IEP helpers).

**Cost:** Free tier; paid plans available

<https://www.magicschool.ai/>

- **Eduaide.ai**

Content and assessment generators built by teachers.

**Cost:** Free tier; paid plans available

<https://www.eduaide.ai/>

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- **SchoolAI (teacher-controlled student spaces)**

Guided student “Spaces” with classroom management features.

**Cost:** Free to start; paid plans available

<https://schoolai.com/teachers>

- **Google for Education — Quickstart with Gemini & NotebookLM**

Official setup and use guidance for schools and classrooms.

**Cost:** Free documentation

<https://support.google.com/a/answer/16350447>

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## Policy, Privacy & Implementation (great for admins)

- **TeachAI**

Policy ideas, toolkits, and webinars for teaching *with* and *about* AI.

**Cost:** Mostly free resources

<https://www.teachai.org/policy>

- **ISTE/ASCD — AI in Education Hub**

Standards-aligned articles, PD, frameworks, and events for K–12.

**Cost:** Free resources; paid PD available

<https://iste.org/ai>

- **U.S. Department of Education — AI Guidance & Report**

Central AI guidance page + flagship report *AI and the Future of Teaching & Learning*.

**Cost:** Free

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Guidance: <https://www.ed.gov/about/ed-overview/artificial-intelligence-ai-guidance>

Report (PDF): <https://www.ed.gov/sites/ed/files/documents/ai-report/ai-report.pdf>

- **CoSN (K–12 tech leaders) — AI Guidance & GenAI Readiness**

Frameworks used by districts for planning/rollout and a GenAI maturity/readiness toolkit.

**Cost:** Free resources; membership options available

AI hub: <https://www.cosn.org/ai/>

Readiness tool:

<https://www.cosn.org/the-gen-ai-maturity-model-organizational-assessment-readiness-and-planning-tool/>

- **Student Privacy Compass (Future of Privacy Forum)**

State-by-state privacy guidance and practical FERPA resources.

**Cost:** Free

<https://studentprivacycompass.org/>

(See also ED Student Privacy): <https://studentprivacy.ed.gov/>

- **Google for Education — AI in Education hub**

Admin/teacher guides, PD, and learning-science-grounded tools.

**Cost:** Free

<https://edu.google.com/ai/education/>

- **Common Sense Media — AI Toolkit for School Districts**

Templates, checklists, and implementation guides for responsible rollout.

**Cost:** Free

<https://thejournal.com/articles/2025/06/10/common-sense-media-releases-free-ai-toolkit-ai-readiness-implementation-guides.aspx>

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