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Al's Impact on Education

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INTRODUCTION

- Former teacher, principal, and now the Co-Founder and Head of Education at Scholar Education
- Scholar Education is an AI-powered platform that offers a suite of AI tools designed to streamline lesson planning and deliver a personalized learning, with a special focus on helping teachers implement and track student accommodations
- 24-25 Partnership with Able Trust

AI ADOPTION GAP



of k-12 teachers have used AI to generate ideas for classes.

of U.S. population ages 18-64 used generative AI to some degree

Expert System AI

Programmers teach AI
exactly how to solve specific
problems by providing
precise instructions and
steps.

Artificial Intelligence

The theory and methods to build machines that think and act like humans.

Machine Learning

The ability for computers to learn from experience or data without human programming.

Deep Learning

Mimics the human brain using artificial neural networks such as transformers to allow computers to perform complex tasks.

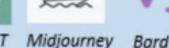
Generative Al

Generates new text, audio, images, video or code based on content it has been pre-trained on.











Source: Al for Education

LLMS & HOW THEY WORK

Generative Al

Generative Al
tools utilize
Large Language
Models (LLMs)
to understand and
generate humanlike text by learning
patterns from
extensive datasets
(ex: ChatGPT)

Tokens

A small unit that can easily be understood by a large language model.

Words	Tokens
Everyday	[Every, day]
Joyful	[Joy, ful]
I'd like	[I, 'd, like]

LLM Prediction

Large Language
Models are trained on
vast amounts of text
data, encompassing
nearly the entire
internet. They process
input tokens and
generate output
tokens based on
statistical predictions.

HOW TO USE LLM'S

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Prompt engineering is carefully crafting an input to receive the best output generated. What all do you need to include?

Remember the acronym...







BREED

Identify the **role** you need to take on, just like selecting the right dog breed for a task.



AIM

Clearly state your **objective**, like a dog zeroing in on its goal.



RECIPIENTS

Specify your audience, just like a dog knowing its pack.



KEYWORDS

Choose important **keywords** to guide the style, tone, or other parameters, similar to commands a well-trained dog understands.



STRUCTURE

Determine the **structure** of the output, like training a dog to follow specific routines.

PROMPT ENGINEERING

Effective Prompting for Educators

Al for Education

OK

"A lesson plan about multiplying fractions for 5th graders"

BETTER

"Act as an expert mathematician and a teacher skilled in designing engaging learning experiences for upper elementary students. Design a lesson plan about multiplying fractions for 5th grade students."

BEST

"You are an expert mathematician and teacher skilled in Universal Design for Learning. Design an accessible lesson plan about multiplying fractions for 5th grade students interested in soccer. The lesson should include a hands-on activity and frequent opportunities for collaboration. Format your response in a table."



More Effective





BREED

You are an expert mathematician and teacher skilled in Universal Design for Learning.



AIM

Design an accessible lesson plan about multiplying fractions



RECIPIENTS

for 5th grade students interested in soccer.



KEYWORDS

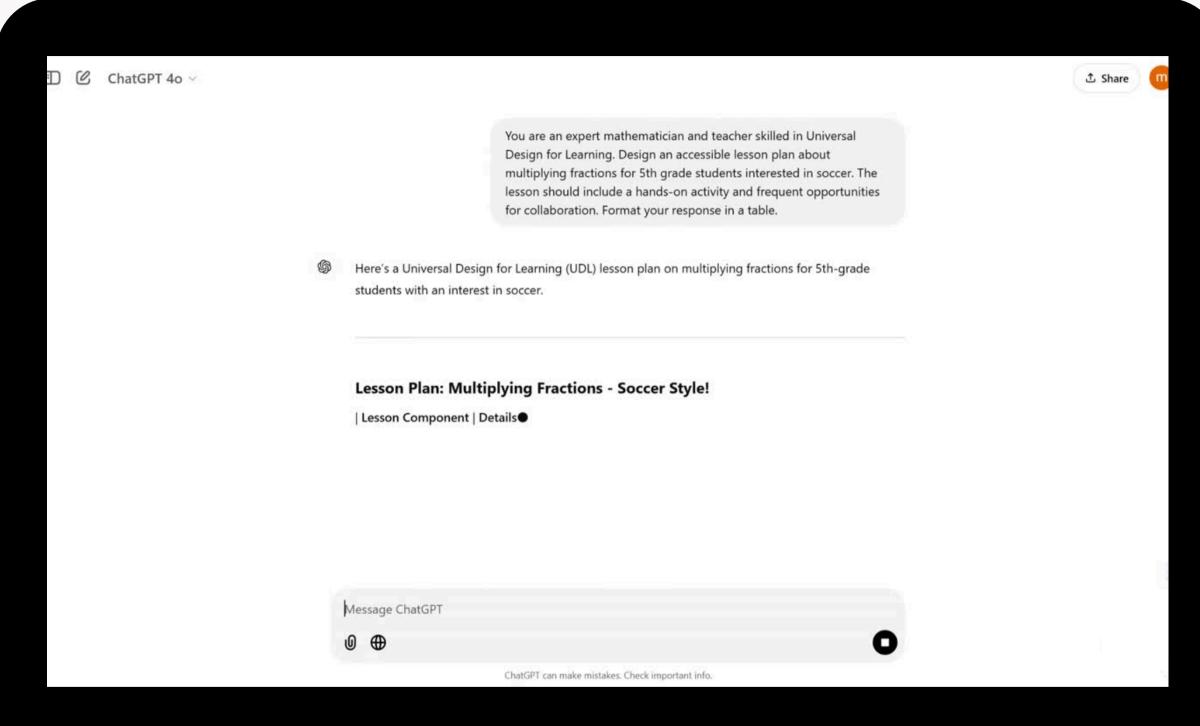
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STRUCTURE

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WHERE TEACHERS' TIME GOES

PLANNING

Teachers are spending **4+ hours** creating **assessments**.

Teachers are spending **6+ hours** a week **grading & giving feedback.**

Teachers are spending **4+ hours** a week **planning lessons**.

TEACHING

Teachers are spending **4+ hours** implementing **accommodations**.

Teachers are using **6+ different tech tools daily.**

Teachers are spending up to **3** hours tutoring students after school.

REFLECTING

Teachers are spending **15+ hours** a week on administrative tasks outside of teaching.

Teachers are spending **6+ hours** a week **tracking & reporting accommodations.**

Teachers are spending **6+ hours** a week **making data-informed decisions.**

5 EASY PROMPTS TO SAVE TIME

Parent Emails

You are a school-family liaison. Write a professional but empathetic email to parents about a 7th-grade student struggling with completing homework on time. Include actionable

suggestions and an offer for collaboration.

Feedback

You are a writing coach.

Generate personalized
feedback for a 10th-grade
student's essay on the causes
of the Civil War, focusing on
thesis clarity and use
of evidence.

Assessments

You are an expert
assessment designer. Create
a 7th-grade history quiz on
the American Revolution.
Include 10 multiple-choice
questions, clear instructions,
and an answer key, tied to
Florida State Standards

You are an expert in special education compliance.
Provide a checklist for tracking accommodations for a student with ADHD, including strategies for extended time and frequent breaks.

ESE Tracking

Grading

You are a writing coach. Generate personalized feedback for a 10th-grade student's essay on the causes of the Civil War, focusing on thesis clarity and use of evidence.

WHAT TEACHERS ARE SAYING

PLANNING

Teachers are saving an average of **3–4 hours** per week on lesson planning.

TEACHING

Teachers are saving an average of **3 hours** per week on implementing accommodations

REFLECTING

Teachers are saving an average of **2 hours** per week on grading and providing feedback

Teachers are saving an average of **7–8 hours** per week on administrative tasks



Security Considerations when using open-source Al

When using open-source AI tools in the classroom, it's crucial to protect your students' privacy and data security.

- 1. **Avoid Inputting Sensitive Information**: Never share student records, grades, or personal details when using AI tools to protect privacy.
- 2. **Remove Identifying Information**: If you need to use student data, ensure names, addresses, and other identifiers are removed before inputting it into any AI system.
- 3. **Stay FERPA-Compliant**: Always follow school policies and privacy laws like FERPA to keep student data safe while using open-source Al
- 4. **Bias in Data:** Al models are trained on extensive datasets, which can sometimes include societal biases related to race, gender, or socioeconomic status.



STUDENT CONSIDERATIONS

The biggest concern with AI isn't its potential—it's how students might misuse it.

Three Actionable Points:

- 1. **Rethink Assessments:** Move beyond recall-based tasks to authentic, project-based evaluations.
- 2. **Teach Al Literacy:** Equip students with skills to use Al ethically and responsibly.
- 3. Focus on Process: Assess how students arrive at answers, not just the final product.

How can we prepare students to engage with AI as a tool, not a shortcut?

EMPOWERING STUDENTS WITH AI

Al isn't just a tool for teachers—it's a powerful ally for students.

Three Key Benefits:

- 1. Personalized Support: Tailored explanations and practice for individual learning needs.
- 2. **Confidence Building:** Immediate feedback in a judgment-free environment encourages asking questions.
- 3. **Skill Development:** Enhances critical thinking, research skills, and responsible technology use.

When used well, AI doesn't replace the student's effort—it amplifies their potential.



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 understanding of Al in education JoinScholar.com
- Coming Soon: A Free Student Al Certification Course to empower learners in using Al responsibly.
- Expansion of our pilot next school year
- We're here to support your journey with Al and help you navigate the next steps in integrating it effectively into your classroom.