

Common Sense Media

Teens in the AI Era: Schoolwork and Skills That Matter Questionnaire

This survey is about your experiences and use with Artificial Intelligence (AI) for schoolwork, not for entertainment or free time. This includes use while in the classroom and outside of the classroom as long as it is for your schoolwork. When we mention an AI tool we mean a website or app that simulates human intelligence to solve problems, generate content, analyze data, and/or automate tasks.

1. In school do you have an IEP (Individualized Education Program) or 504 plan?
 - A. Yes
 - B. No
 - C. I'm not sure

General AI Experience and Use

2. When it comes to schoolwork (not entertainment), which of the following do you use AI for? (Please select all that apply)

- A. Multiple use tools (such as ChatGPT, Gemini, or Grok)
- B. AI characters or companions (such as Character.ai, Janitor, or Polybuzz)
- C. Tutor (such as Khanmigo or Flexi)
- D. Reading or Writing Assistant (such as Grammarly, Microsoft Reading Coach, or Learning Ally)
- E. Research tool (such as Perplexity or NotebookLM)
- F. Image or Video generator (such as Midjourney, Veo, Adobe Firefly, or Canva AI)
- G. Other (please specify)
- H. I do not use AI tools for schoolwork **[Skip logic: if H is selected skip Q4, Q9]**
- I. I do not know

3. What is the first thing you usually do when you are stuck on your schoolwork? (Select one)
 - A. Try to figure out the problem on my own
 - B. Ask a teacher or parent for help
 - C. Ask a friend for help
 - D. Search the internet without an AI-generated summary
 - E. Search the internet with an AI-generated summary available
 - F. Use an AI app or tool
 - G. Something else (please specify)

4. In what ways do you use an AI tool for schoolwork? (Please select all that apply)
- A. To generate initial ideas or brainstorm how to start the assignment
 - B. To get an answer from the AI tool and use it as-is
 - C. To get an answer from the AI tool and rewrite it to sound like me
 - D. To get an answer from the AI tool and fix or improve it based on what I know
 - E. To get feedback from the AI tool after I write my own answer first
 - F. To check if my answer is correct after I have completed the assignment
 - G. Some other way (please specify)
 - H. None of the above

AI Policy, Use, and Support

5. Which of the following best describes your school's rules about AI use? (Select one)
- A. AI use is banned at my school
 - B. AI use is allowed, and I understand the rules
 - C. AI use is allowed, but I don't understand the rules
 - D. I have heard there are rules, but I don't know what they are
 - E. My school doesn't seem to have any rules about AI use
 - F. I'm not sure
6. Have you done or experienced either of the following? (Please select all that apply)
- A. Set up or adjusted an AI tool for schoolwork based on your specific learning needs (such as customizing for notetaking, audio narration, transcription, or translation)
 - B. Had an AI tool blocked or banned on your school network or school-issued device (Branch logic, if respondent selects B, then present a.)
 - a. When this happened, did you use a personal device, like your phone or personal laptop, to access AI instead?
 - i. Yes
 - ii. No
7. Which of the following has a teacher ever discussed in class? (Please select all that apply)

What AI is and how it works	☐
How to use AI safely	☐
How AI can support your learning	☐

How to use AI as a creative tool	☐
How to tell if information from AI is accurate or trustworthy	☐
When you should and should not use AI for schoolwork	☐
None of the above	☐
Something else (If yes, please specify)	☐

8. Do your teachers generally have similar rules about how AI can be used for schoolwork? (Select one)
- A. Yes, most of my teachers have similar rules
 - B. No, rules vary a lot depending on the teacher
 - C. I'm not sure

AI Perceptions and the Future

9. Please rate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.

5 item Likert Scale (Strongly Agree→Strongly Disagree)	
I come up with fewer of my own ideas because AI is available	
Using AI helps me understand my schoolwork, not just finish it faster	
I feel like I'm missing out on learning when I use AI to complete assignments	
Using AI for schoolwork makes me a more successful student	

10. Which three skills do you think will matter most for your future as an adult? (Please select 3)
- A. Reading and understanding complex information
 - B. Writing clearly
 - C. Science, engineering, and math skills
 - D. Artistic skills (such as music, visual art, and the performing arts)
 - E. Working well with other people
 - F. Fact checking and critical thinking skills
 - G. Knowing how to use AI tools effectively
 - H. Other (please specify)