

Ethical AI in the Classroom: Quick Guide

Ethical AI use begins with clear intentions, open communication, and a focus on student needs. Use this checklist to guide your responsible integration of AI tools into your classroom workflow.

Student Privacy

- Do not enter student names, grades, or identifiable information into public AI tools.
- Use FERPA-compliant or district-approved platforms whenever possible.
- Be cautious when sharing classroom content generated through AI on public forums.

Transparency with Students

- Let students know when AI was used in lesson creation or instructional materials.
- Encourage students to reflect on AI's role in supporting (not replacing) their learning.
- Model responsible and critical use of AI in your workflow.

Academic Integrity

- Teach students to use AI as a scaffold, not a shortcut.
- Reinforce citation practices when AI is used for research or brainstorming.
- Include AI use policies in your classroom expectations or syllabus.

Bias & Cultural Sensitivity

- Review all AI-generated content for bias, stereotypes, or inaccuracies.
- Adapt content to reflect your classroom community and diverse learners.
- Avoid relying on AI to replace cultural responsiveness or teacher judgment.

Reflective Practice

- Ask yourself: Does this AI-supported activity serve student learning?
- Use AI to enhance differentiation, reduce repetitive tasks, and increase student access.
- Maintain professional judgment in reviewing, editing, and approving all AI outputs.

Ethical AI:

Intent + Transparency + Student Centered = Success

