

5 Things Worth Reading About AI & Education

Curated from MIT Technology Review, UNESCO, and Common Sense Media

■ Why These Five?

All five sources below are freely available online, chosen for primary research or official guidance — not summaries or opinion. Reading them will give you a grounded, balanced understanding of where AI and education actually stand.

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MIT TECHNOLOGY REVIEW

The Education Issue: AI Is Coming for the Classroom

MIT Technology Review — May/Jun 2023

A landmark special issue profiling teachers who believe generative AI could genuinely improve learning — not just threaten it. Covers classroom surveillance, cheating debates, bilingual reading, and lessons from past tech-in-education hype.

■ **Link:** technologyreview.com/magazines/the-education-issue

■ **Access:** Free to browse; full archive via library

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MIT TECHNOLOGY REVIEW

Making AI Work: AI in the Classroom (Newsletter Series)

MIT Technology Review — 2026

A free multi-week newsletter mini-course following real educators using AI tools like MagicSchool in live classrooms. Grounded in practical examples rather than speculation.

■ **Link:** technologyreview.com — search "Making AI Work"

■ **Access:** Free to sign up and access

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UNESCO

Guidance for Generative AI in Education and Research

UNESCO — September 2023 (updated January 2026)

The first global policy framework on generative AI in education. UNESCO surveyed 450+ schools, found fewer than 10% had any AI guidelines, then wrote the blueprint — covering data privacy, age limits, teacher capacity, and human-centered values. Available in 12 languages.

■ **Link:** unesco.org/en/articles/guidance-generative-ai-education-and-research

■ **Access:** Fully free — official UNESCO publication

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UNESCO COURIER

Education in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

UNESCO Courier — 2023

Traces the technology-in-education debate from 1965 "teaching machines" to today's ChatGPT. Surfaces the core tensions: personalized learning vs. the digital divide, efficiency vs. equity, and who really controls the classroom.

■ **Link:** courier.unesco.org/en/articles/education-age-artificial-intelligence

■ **Access:** *Fully free — UNESCO Courier is openly published*

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COMMON SENSE MEDIA

The Dawn of the AI Era: Teens, Parents & Generative AI at Home and School

Common Sense Media — September 2024

A nationally representative survey of 1,045 U.S. parents and teens: 7 in 10 teens use generative AI for schoolwork, yet most parents have no idea. And 6 in 10 students say their school lacks clear AI rules. Essential data for educators and policymakers.

■ **Link:** commonsensemedia.org/research/the-dawn-of-the-ai-era

■ **Access:** *Free download at commonsense.org/dawn-of-AI*

■ Closing Thought

AI literacy begins with reading carefully and questioning confidently. These five sources offer the evidence, context, and frameworks young learners — and their educators — need to engage with AI thoughtfully, responsibly, and creatively.

■ Think Critically ■ Create Responsibly ■ Collaborate Fairly