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Supporting Evidence

Making Sense of the Evidence: What the Data Actually Shows

Our dimensional analysis of education sources reveals distinct patterns across cognitive dimensions, though with notable gaps in the corpus. The evidence base shows heavy concentration in certain areas while leaving critical questions unexplored.

Information dimension: Our analysis finds a pronounced focus on implementation mechanics and institutional responses. Sources like [3] and [1] concentrate on program development, while pedagogical outcomes remain underexamined. The corpus emphasizes what institutions are doing rather than what students are learning.

Concepts dimension: Frameworks in our corpus diverge sharply around fundamental tensions. The dominant framing positions AI as either empowerment or dependency, as evidenced by [8]. This binary appears across multiple sources, with [10] explicitly framing the debate as “between opportunity and challenge.”

Point of View dimension: Our missing perspectives data reveals critical imbalances. While instructor perspectives dominate the corpus, student learning experiences appear minimally. Parent and critic voices each represent only 0.29% of perspectives captured. This skew toward institutional voices shapes what counts as evidence in the field.

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[1] An AI Certificate to Prepare World-Ready Leaders

[8] Empowerment or dependency? A systematic ...

[10] L'Intelligence Artificielle dans l'Enseignement Supérieur : Entre ...

Discourse Patterns

Our metaphor analysis, though limited in the current data, suggests competing frames for understanding AI in education. The transformation metaphor appears prominently, positioning AI as fundamentally changing education rather than augmenting existing practices. Sources like [13] frame institutional change as inevitable rather than optional.

Causal attribution in our corpus follows predictable patterns. Success stories attribute positive outcomes to technology features and institutional innovation, while failure attribution splits between indi-

[13] Toward an AI-Ready University - University of Toronto

vidual factors (instructor resistance, student misuse) and structural factors (inadequate support, poor implementation). [7] exemplifies how detection-focused approaches fail by treating symptoms rather than causes. This attribution pattern matters because it shapes where faculty direct their efforts—toward controlling individual behavior rather than addressing systemic issues.

Failure Pattern Analysis

While our failure patterns data shows no documented failures in the current analysis window, the sources themselves reveal implementation challenges. [5] addresses containment failures in programming education. [2] documents the limitations of detection approaches. The absence of systematic failure documentation in our corpus suggests either underreporting or inadequate attention to what isn't working.

Research Gaps That Affect Your Decisions

Critical gaps in our evidence base directly impact faculty decision-making. We cannot advise on long-term learning outcomes because the evidence base lacks longitudinal studies. Sources like [6] raise equity concerns but offer limited guidance on addressing them in practice.

The corpus provides extensive guidance on policy development—[9] and [4]—but minimal evidence on pedagogical effectiveness. We have frameworks for ethical use but limited data on whether these frameworks improve learning outcomes. [12] acknowledges institutional lag but doesn't provide evidence for closing the gap.

Secondary Tensions

Beyond the core contradiction between augmentation and automation, our analysis reveals interconnected tensions around transparency and trust. [11] identifies how transparency requirements can paradoxically reduce trust. Sources addressing assessment—[14]—struggle with balancing academic integrity concerns against learning support, creating practical dilemmas for faculty trying to design fair assessments.

The evidence base, drawn from 1,544 sources during the week of February 16–February 22, 2026, reveals a field grappling with fundamental questions while producing primarily institutional responses rather than pedagogical evidence.

[7] El fracaso del policía digital en las aulas - Mundo IA

[5] CodeGuard: Improving LLM Guardrails in CS Education

[2] Assessing LLM Text Detection in Educational Contexts: Does Human Contribution Affect Detection?

[6] Cross-Institutional Transfer Learning for Educational Models: Implications for Model Performance, Fairness, and Equity

[9] Guía para el uso de IA generativa en educación e investigación

[4] Charte d'Éthique et de Responsabilité pour l'Usage de l'Intelligence

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