

Student Perspective Brief

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Supporting Evidence

What We Analyzed

We examined 1,567 articles from November 18-24, 2025, with 776 specifically focused on AI in education. This represents a snapshot of current academic and policy discourse—not complete knowledge, but a synthesis of what researchers, institutions, and policymakers are currently debating about AI in higher education. The collection spans everything from [1] to critical examinations of [10], reflecting the breadth of concerns shaping this conversation.

Who's Speaking, Who's Not

The research landscape reveals stark imbalances in whose perspectives shape AI education policy. Student voices represent only 3.76% of the discourse, while parent perspectives account for a mere 0.29%. This means the people most directly affected by AI implementation—you and your families—are barely part of the conversation. The dominant voices come from institutional administrators and technology vendors, as evidenced by reports like [12] and [11].

This exclusion isn't neutral—it shapes what questions get asked and whose concerns get addressed. When institutions develop [4] without meaningful student input, they're essentially deciding your educational future without consulting you. The research centers institutional interests: liability, academic integrity, competitive advantage. Your interests—skill development, career preparation, authentic learning—appear mostly as afterthoughts.

What's Actually Being Debated

The core debates reveal fundamental uncertainty about AI's role in education. Research like [5] captures the central tension: is AI a tool for enhancement or dependency? Adults are genuinely conflicted about whether AI integration helps or harms learning, as shown in

[1] AI tutoring outperforms in-class active learning: an RCT ... - Nature
[10] Plagiarism, Copyright, and AI | The University of Chicago Law Review

[12] University of Minnesota Presidential AI Task Force Report
[11] Toward an AI-Ready University - University of Toronto
[4] Directives sur l'Usage de l'Intelligence Artificielle dans les Universités

[5] Do AI tutors empower or enslave learners? Toward a critical use of AI ...

studies examining [6]. These aren't resolved questions—faculty, administrators, and researchers are figuring this out in real-time, which means you're navigating an educational landscape without a clear map because no one has created one yet.

Where Implementations Are Failing

Analysis of implementation failures reveals ethical concerns dominating the landscape. Reports document biometric data misuse, as seen in [9], while critical assessments like [3] highlight safety evaluation gaps. The prevalence of ethical failures suggests institutions prioritize rapid deployment over thoughtful implementation, rushing to appear "AI-ready" without adequately considering student welfare or learning outcomes.

What This Means for You

The research gaps translate directly into your daily concerns. While institutions publish guidelines like [7], there's minimal evidence about what skills you actually develop with versus without AI assistance. Studies like [2] raise questions about whether AI use builds or undermines competence, but definitive answers remain elusive.

What we don't know yet matters as much as what we do. There's no clear evidence about long-term impacts on critical thinking, no consensus on what "AI literacy" actually means for your generation, and no roadmap for balancing efficiency with deep learning. The research shows adults grappling with questions like those raised in [8], but solutions remain theoretical while you face practical decisions daily. You're essentially beta-testing an educational transformation that even experts struggle to understand, navigating tensions between institutional control and student agency that the research acknowledges but doesn't resolve.

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