

Student Perspective Brief

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Supporting Evidence

What We Analyzed

This synthesis examines 1,544 sources from February 16–February 22, 2026, with 718 specifically focused on education. This represents a snapshot of current discourse about AI in education—not complete knowledge, but what researchers, institutions, and educators are actively discussing right now. Universities are launching new programs like [3] and [1], while simultaneously grappling with fundamental questions about implementation and ethics.

Who's Speaking, Who's Not

The conversation about AI in education is happening largely without the people most affected by it. Student voices comprise only 3.76% of the discourse we analyzed, while parent perspectives represent a mere 0.29%. Instead, the dominant voices come from institutional administrators, technology developers, and academic researchers. This exclusion matters because it means the "AI education" being designed and debated centers the interests of those creating and managing systems, not those living within them. When [8] discusses transformation, whose transformation is being prioritized? The research landscape shows institutions racing to establish guidelines like [4], but these frameworks emerge from administrative concerns rather than student experiences.

[3] BU Wheelock Launches New Graduate Programs in AI and ...

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

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

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

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

What's Actually Being Debated

The core debates in AI education remain unresolved, with researchers openly questioning whether these tools lead to [7]. Adults—your professors, administrators, and policymakers—are still figuring out basic questions about AI's role in learning. Some see it as essential preparation for the future, while others worry about fundamental impacts on critical thinking and authentic learning. You're navigating this landscape without a clear map because, honestly, no one has cre-

ated one yet. The research community itself is divided on everything from detection methods to ethical implementation.

Where Implementations Are Failing

Current AI education implementations show consistent patterns of failure, particularly in ethical dimensions. Tools like detection software face fundamental limitations, as explored in [2], while attempts to police AI use encounter the challenges detailed in [6]. These failures suggest institutions are prioritizing control and compliance over understanding how students actually engage with these tools. Meanwhile, deeper questions about educational purpose and authentic learning remain largely unaddressed.

What This Means for You

The research gaps translate directly into uncertainty about your educational experience. While institutions rush to implement AI policies and programs, there's remarkably little evidence about how AI use actually affects skill development, critical thinking, or long-term learning outcomes. Studies like [5] explore new applications, but we still lack longitudinal data on impacts. You're being asked to navigate ethical questions about AI use while the adults setting the rules haven't resolved these questions themselves. The emphasis on [9] highlights ongoing concerns about fairness and access, but concrete solutions remain elusive. What's clear from the evidence is that you have legitimate interests—developing real skills, preparing for an AI-integrated workforce, understanding when AI helps versus hinders learning—that current research doesn't adequately center. You're part of an unplanned experiment, and recognizing this uncertainty is more honest than pretending anyone has definitive answers about AI's role in your education.

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

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

[5] Deepfake-Style AI Tutors in Higher Education: A Mixed-Methods ... - MDPI

[9] Special issue on equity of artificial intelligence in higher education

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