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Ways to Use AI Ethically in Your Teaching

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Keep Student Data Private

Treat AI tools like public spaces.



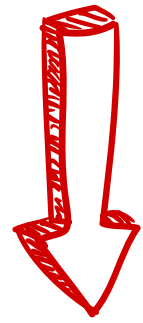
Avoid entering names, grades, or personal details into AI tools.



Example: Avoid prompts like “Summarize John Smith’s report card.”

Don't Trust AI Outputs Blindly

Always review and revise. Think of AI as a draft assistant, not a content expert.



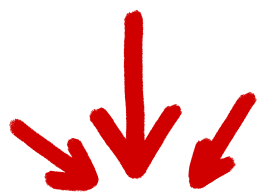
Example: After generating a summary with AI, cross-check the main points against the original article or textbook. Highlight anything the AI missed, misrepresented, or invented.

Be Transparent with Students

Let students know when and how you used AI.



Opens up honest conversations about responsible use.



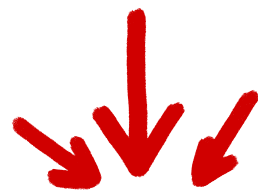
Example: “I used AI to draft this quiz. Let’s check it for clarity together.”

Teach Students to Question AI

Critical thinking is essential.



Encourage them to verify facts and spot bias.



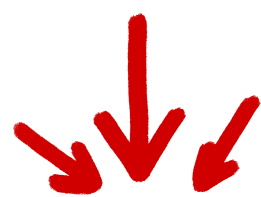
Example: “What voices are missing from this AI-generated article?”

Always Cite and Acknowledge Sources

Even AI-assisted content needs attribution.



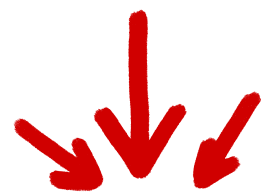
Model ethical behavior by showing students how to cite AI tools.



Example: “This summary was created with help from ChatGPT.”

Use AI to Support Thinking

Let AI spark ideas, but guide students to build their own understanding and reflections.



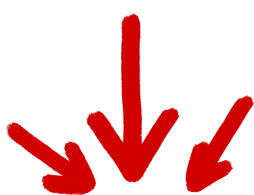
Example: “Suggest 5 debate topics about [topic].”

Be Prudent When Using AI to Grade Students

Grading needs nuance. AI can't read context, growth, or effort the way you can.



Instead: Use AI to draft rubrics or suggest feedback phrasing.



Example: "Generate three rubric criteria for a [enter topic]"

Check for Bias and Misinformation

AI can reinforce stereotypes or errors.



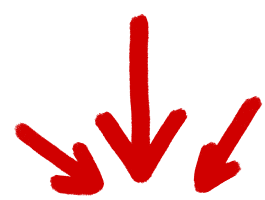
Cross-check content before using it in class.



Example: “Fact-check these AI-generated claims with a trusted source.”

Personalize with AI, Don't Standardize

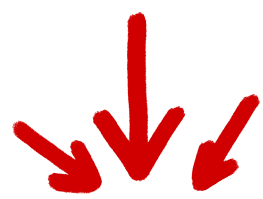
Use AI to tailor content to different levels or learning needs. Create leveled reading texts or alternative explanations.



Example: “Rewrite this paragraph for a 5th-grade reading level.”

Blend AI with Human Judgment

AI is a tool not the teacher.
Your experience, values, and
insight still make all the
difference.



Example: If AI generates a
multiple-choice question with
biased or overly simplistic
options, rewrite it to reflect
classroom diversity, nuance, or
critical thinking goals.