A Practical Checklist for Evaluating Classroom AI Tools

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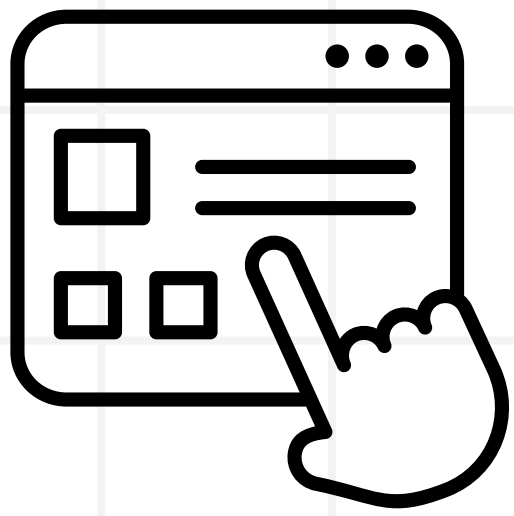
1 EASE OF USE

- *Is the AI tool intuitive and easy to navigate for both teachers and students?*
- *Does the tool require extensive training, or can users quickly get started with minimal instruction?*
- *Are there clear and accessible support resources available for troubleshooting and implementation?*
- *How well does the tool integrate with other platforms and technologies you currently use in the classroom?*



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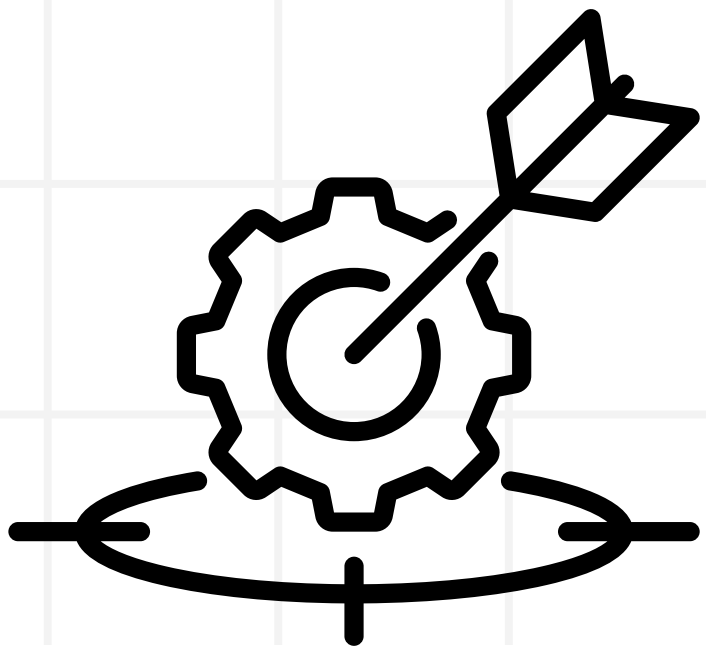
2 EDUCATIONAL VALUE

1. *Does the AI tool align with your specific educational goals and curriculum objectives?*
2. *How does the tool contribute to enhancing student learning outcomes?*
3. *Does the tool provide meaningful, relevant content that supports deeper understanding and engagement?*
4. *Can the tool be used across different subjects or is it limited to a specific area?*



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3 EFFECTIVENESS

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- *Does the AI tool consistently deliver on its promised features and benefits?*

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- *How reliable is the tool in producing accurate and relevant educational outcomes?*

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- *Are there any measurable improvements in student performance or engagement when using the tool?*

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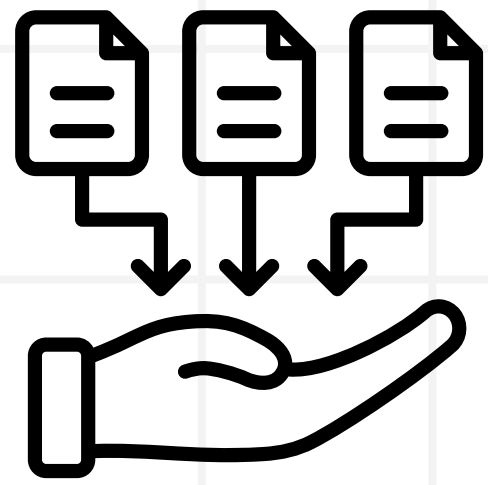
- *How often does the tool require updates or adjustments to maintain its effectiveness?*



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DATA PRIVACY & SECURITY

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- *What types of student data does the AI tool collect, and how is this data used?*
- *Does the tool comply with relevant privacy regulations (e.g., GDPR, FERPA) and institutional policies?*
- *Are there robust security measures in place to protect student data from unauthorized access or breaches?*
- *How transparent is the company about its data handling practices, and can you easily find and understand their privacy policy?*

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5 ETHICAL STANDARDS

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- *Does the AI tool include features to mitigate bias and ensure fair treatment of all students?*

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- *How transparent is the AI tool in its decision-making processes or content generation?*

3
- *What accountability measures are in place if the tool produces harmful or biased content?*

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- *Does the tool promote equity and inclusivity within the classroom environment?*

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6 ACCESSIBILITY

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- *Is the AI tool designed to be accessible to students with varying abilities, including those with disabilities?*

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- *Does the tool comply with Universal Design for Learning (UDL) principles, providing multiple means of representation, engagement, and expression?*

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- *Are there built-in features or accommodations for students with visual, auditory, or motor impairments?*

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- *How easily can the tool be adapted or customized to meet the diverse needs of all learners in your classroom?*

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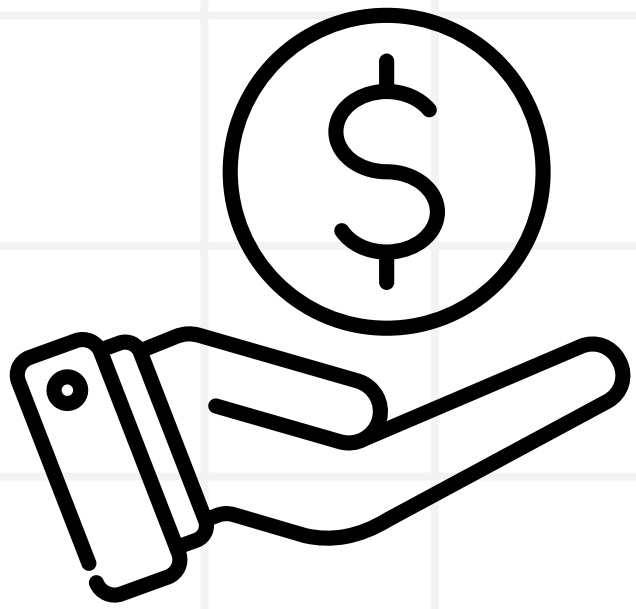
7 COST-EFFECTIVENESS

1. *Is the AI tool priced competitively compared to similar tools on the market?*
2. *Does the tool offer a good return on investment in terms of educational benefits versus cost?*
3. *Are there any hidden costs, such as subscription fees, necessary upgrades, or additional training?*
4. *Can the tool replace or complement existing resources in a cost-effective manner?*



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CUSTOMIZATION & ADAPTABILITY

1. *Can the AI tool be tailored to meet the specific learning needs of different students or classroom environments?*
2. *How flexible is the tool in adapting to different teaching styles and instructional methods?*
3. *Does the tool allow for customization of content, difficulty levels, or user interfaces to suit your classroom's needs?*
4. *How easily can the tool be updated or modified to keep pace with changing educational goals or technologies?*

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