

The AI Readiness Report

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This month in AI Readiness, policymakers, educators, and the public are all grappling with the rapid rise of artificial intelligence. The U.S. Department of Labor unveiled a new Artificial Intelligence Literacy Framework to help workforce and education systems build broader AI skills across communities and prepare workers for an AI-driven economy. At the same time, debates over how AI should be regulated in education are intensifying — with states moving ahead on school AI policies. Meanwhile, Pew Research Center data shows Americans are increasingly concerned about AI's impact on daily life and human abilities, but also believe understanding AI is essential, revealing both anxiety and appetite for literacy and governance.

Opportunities in the Field



AI Detection and Academic Integrity: What Educators Need to Know

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As AI becomes part of everyday learning, many schools are turning to AI detection software to address concerns about academic integrity. But what role should these tools really play? This webinar explores the limits of AI detection, how to respond when a student is flagged, and a broader, learning-centered approach grounded in transparency, dialogue, and student agency. Participants will gain practical strategies to support responsible AI use while protecting meaningful learning.

Thought Leadership & Advocacy

New Report: Which Skills Matter Now?



Yesterday, The Burning Glass Institute and aiEDU released a new report, "Which Skills Matter Now? A Data-Driven Framework for K-12 in the Age of AI." This report provides a data-driven framework for K-12 educators to navigate the shift, analyzing AI's impact on 1,000 workforce skills and mapping the implications for 140 high school learning objectives. It offers a clear method for identifying where and how curriculum needs to be rebalanced.

New aiEDU Resources

Last month aiEDU published three new parent resources as part of a "Parents' Guide to AI." Each resource is provided in English, Spanish, and French.

- What Is AI?
- Discussing AI With Your Child
- How AI Collects and Potentially Uses Your Child's Data

AI Readiness in the News

The Hill (2/4/26): States Race Forward on Education AI Regulations Despite Trump Objections

The 74 (2/17/26): At These Universities, Using AI Isn't Shunned—It's a Graduation Requirement

Substack (2/18/26): We Bet On A Second-Mover Advantage with AI Tools. It's Time To Move

Looking Ahead

March 11

aiEDU to present at Special Competitive Studies Project's "AI + Education"
Washington, DC

March 12

aiEDU workshop at SXSW EDU, "Future Tense: A Vibecoding Experience for Educators"
Austin, TX

March 20

Code 313, Ties, and aiEDU host "Educator's STEAM Summit - AI in Education"
Detroit, MI

March 27

AI National Literacy Day
Nationwide

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