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Skill set to use it well

Will all students have access to this technology?

Access to the best versions

Access to tools,

not everyone had access to the tools or experience with them because of their cost

Differential access to the tools and differential practice in using them.

Access to technology.

Writing from nonnative speakers being flagged as AI generated

data bias



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Who can afford good generative AI?

Whose voices appear in the data collected from AI

Willingness to "cheat" by some students
Lack of knowledge about tools doesn't give all students or faculty equal access

Who is guiding the information for AI? How do we assure the sources are anti-oppressive and anti-racist

Control of major LLM tools by large corporations

paid versus free accounts...paid accounts will have more access

What information is being left out by AI

Alt text for generated images

Faculty response/consequences to using it



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access in K-12 to reduce experience gap for incoming students (some affluent students will have more experience)

Who can pay for it, who needs it most, what looks like cheating vs. legit work

Access to high speed internet Awareness of how to use tool

Access to technology

Some of the most recent/robust versions are still behind paywalls

I found I needed to give my cell phone number if I was going to use the "free" Chat GPT and it sounds like you have to pay for the better one. You need a gmail account for Google bard.

access

Where the information being presented is being pulled from. May be biased.

Ensuring that everyone has an electronic device that can access the AI interface the same



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Cost barriers for AI models

Perpetuating bias

Unknown biases in the training data

Accessibility for those with limited physical abilities (vision, dexterity), requirement of internet access

Not all adult learners have the same level of digital literacy

Equity in access/awareness. Possible microaggressions generated.

The accessibility for those who need typing assistance to use the prompt feature and/or for those who need hearing/translation services. I haven't tried any of these yet, so they may already exist.

Student's access to devices and also the education around AI

Access, first generation college students, plagiarism

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How do we navigate AI sources from states that are embroiled in anti-race and anti-trans and anti-queer legislation/policy?

increased work load for individuals with high teaching load/large class sizes

How does income impact access?

AI coded with biases around race, sex, gender, ethnicity

Data bias. Affordability.

Access to most current tech on cell phones

Evidence based information

Access by those with lower income, helping students with lower English proficiency.

Paywall access



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Assumptions of whose writing may reasonably sound "professional"

—ability to recognize language patterns characteristic of AI
—cost

Students using phones / phone apps

Bias in AI

Is AI access an "unfair advantage" or does it "level the playing field"?

People already disenfranchised are least likely to use new technologies, thus increasing the bias.

If AI learns from the people who use it, and it seems predominantly white people use and create AI, how does that affect the way racial minorities can interact with AI?

Ability to use the tool by disabled persons.

how might this be a real benefit for some students (neurodivergent, etc.)

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Access to latest technology

datasets used to feed AI may not include a wide variety of people

Who can afford to buy the best tools. How do the tools represent different people?

People think the spaces and technologies are "public," but they are part of white supremacist capitalist patriarchy.

On political or cultural issues, generative AI provide a middle-of-the-road response that may retard social progress

how will students be harmed by attempts to keep gen AI out of classroom (hand-writing, oral exams, etc.)

'poorer" schools will exclusively use generative AI to give feedback; stepping school for wealthier schools