

## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: IT'S NOW OR NEVER

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Artificial Intelligence is becoming a key part of the modern educational system, influencing the way teaching and learning happen today. Its ability to efficiently and effectively support different educational methods has made it an increasingly important and powerful tool. The application of AI depends on its specific use. From the perspective of educators, having AI is a valuable asset and a helpful partner, especially in today's fast-paced environment where teachers are often busy with lessons, tasks, and searching for engaging activities for today's active learners.

Based on interviews with teachers and students conducted by the author of this article, responses varied depending on the type of AI being discussed. Some people believe that once AI becomes part of education, it cannot be reversed, and this is accurate, as it is clear that few people today are not using AI in some form. The interviews with students and teachers confirmed that while there are different understandings of AI, there is also a shared recognition of its role.

Here are a few of the responses:

1. "I thought AI was all about robots."
2. "I think AI is about the algorithms that appear in the next videos or the ones similar to the ones I previously liked on TikTok."
3. "In my view, AI involves things like home appliances, such as SIRI and ALEXA, if I'm not mistaken."
4. "I see AI in different Netflix movies, but I didn't realize that TV platforms and series like that are forms of AI."

5. “When I saw AI, I realized how little I know about the future and the internet.”

The awareness of AI is growing among teachers and students, as the current educational environment has moved away from traditional and conservative teaching methods. This suggests that without AI, teaching strategies would be limited to paper and pencil and the use of basic videos. Teachers need to highlight their abilities in how they can integrate AI into their teaching and take initiative in utilizing AI capabilities. Engaging with current AI procedures can help them become AI teachers or advocates.

However, it is important not to overlook the other side of this change—its potential negative impacts. Issues such as privacy and ethical concerns regarding the misuse of personal data to enhance the Internet system are significant. The key question is whether everyone is prepared to accept and adapt to these changes in the educational system. Since students are increasingly involved with AI, teachers must be open to learning how to adapt to the current setup of teaching.

At the same time, students need to be encouraged to use AI properly and benefit from its features. It would be beneficial for all involved to support students and teachers through the AI policies established by educational institutions and the government. As of now, the decision to adopt AI or not lies with those who hold the knowledge, and the time to act is now or never.

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