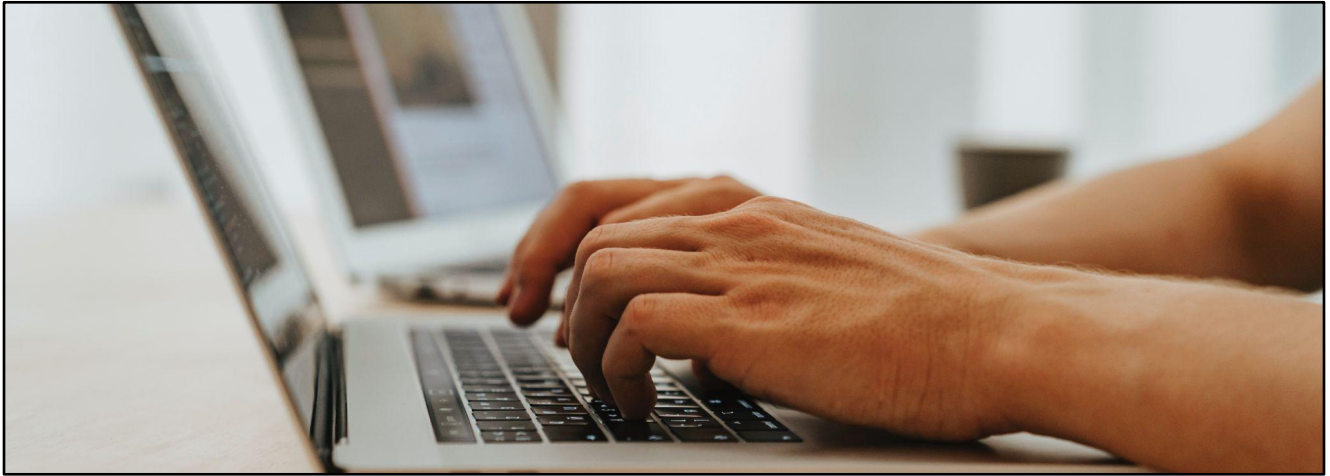


ChatGPT Was Banned by a Majority of Schools, Now Those Same Schools Might Be Missing Out...



In November of 2022, students everywhere saw the creation of software capable of finishing *all* their assignments for them with the simple click of a button. The program creates human-like responses to the question, or prompt, asked by a student; including math, sciences, history, etc.

ChatGPT is an AI language model developed by OpenAI, capable of generating human-like text. Trained on massive amounts of data, it's capable of answering questions, carrying out conversations, and completing various language tasks with high accuracy.

You, as a reader, may be questioning how someone could fall so easily for the words of an AI. Well, what if I told you that the paragraph you just read above was what ChatGPT wrote when I asked it, "Explain ChatGPT to 18-year-olds in 50 words or less in a formal tone." ChatGPT can write in any way you want it to. When I asked it to instead write it for ten-year-olds in a 'funny' tone, it said, "ChatGPT is like a wise-cracking robot genie who knows a whole lot about anything you ask! Just type in a question, and poof! ChatGPT will answer with the best and most entertaining answer it can come up with!"

Before you try to tell yourself, "my child/student would never use this, they're always academically honest." Would they *actually* be?

One of the biggest concerns of this AI was cheating in student homework, but it might be too early to tell if it's actually affecting students. Mr. Muenker, a teacher at Windermere Preparatory in Windermere, Florida argues, "it's too early for me to say that I can make a determination on a trend such as a decline in topic knowledge or an increase in structural writing improvement/decline or anything like that."

Muenker, an IB and AP teacher at Windermere Prep, started educating both students and teachers on the new AI. Taking a task force of students to reciprocate a student's thoughts on the subject, the team of juniors and seniors plan to present information on the topic to high and middle school teachers at WPS.

"I think ChatGPT has the potential to be revolutionary for students, teachers, and schools alike. It's a complicated question to assign a designation of Chat GPT simply as being beneficial or detrimental," said Muenker, "It's like asking if everyday computer use has been beneficial for students."

Many schools throughout the United States have taken urgent measures to stop the AI from being used. The Los Angeles Unified District banned student access to the website on school networks. Baltimore County, New York City, Loudoun County [in Virginia], and Montgomery County [in Alabama] have also joined in the banning of it.



While these bans have made a prominent impact on student's lives, teachers and school staff are disregarding the fact that a lot of students are using VPNs. A lot of schools tell their students not to use VPNs, but do not bother checking if their students are actually following their rules. If schools start to ban ChatGPT on their networks, the VPN market might start to benefit.

Taking away ChatGPT, seen to the left, may result in teachers having the confidence that their students assignments are, probably, written truthfully, but it might also result in students struggling with their future assessments.

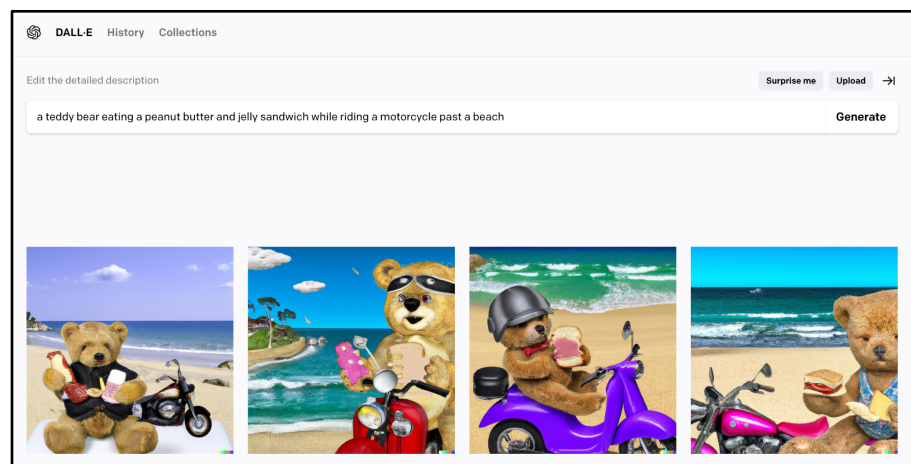
"...for many students it [ChatGPT] has opened up an incredible plethora of opportunities to develop workforce skills, stimulate their curiosity, and provided access to sources of information that would have been previously unimaginable," Muenker said.

Many students struggle to grasp specific information in classes. There is no hatred towards teachers, but students often have different learning styles which either benefit them or completely ruin their transcript. With the help of ChatGPT, students can learn difficult topics that they may not have understood before.

ChapGPT is not the only software that was developed by both Open AI and other brands. Websites such as DALL-E-2, seen in figure to the right, and Mid-Journey create photos, paintings, and overall artistic pieces in response to the prompt you give it. The more specific, the better as the AI will create a piece of art that you requested.

DALL-E-2, also created by Open AI, needs only about a minute to create four different photos that you requested. If you do not like any given, it will generate more to your liking.

DALL-E-2 provides a more artistic and fun element to AI and teaches others the power that coders have over technology.



ChatGPT and DALL-E-2 have clearly shown a start to the future of AI with students, teachers, workplaces, and more. Yet, before we head straight into talking about the negatives, why not consider the positives?

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