
Here's What You Missed in EdTech...

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Get a FREE Master's in EdTech from Kent State!

Kent State University will soon open applications for its tuition-free Master's Degree in Educational Technology with a Computer Science Endorsement and for its CS Endorsement-only program—both funded by the State of Ohio. Up to 30 teachers will be selected for 2025–26, with all coursework completed online. **The application isn't live yet, but interested educators should register now to be notified when it opens** and begin preparing their materials (statement of interest + two letters of recommendation). This is a first-come, first-served opportunity for licensed Ohio teachers—don't miss it!

Google Updates

Gemini in Google Classroom for Everyone

Regardless of which Google subscription your school has, Google Classroom now includes over 30 AI-powered features. The tools help teachers generate lesson resources, create rubrics, brainstorm ideas and differentiate content.

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NotebookLM and Google Gemini are Core Services

These AI tools are covered by the same strict privacy rules—student data isn't used to train models and complies with laws like FERPA and COPPA. Designed with educators in mind, they can help create quizzes, lesson ideas, and personalized study aids. For students under 18, Google adds extra protections like content filters and fact-checking. Admins can manage access and monitor use through the Admin Console. [Read more about Common Sense Edu's review of Gemini's privacy policies.](#)

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Google Vids Available to Everyone!

Google has officially made Google Vids a core service in Google Workspace for Education, rolling it out to all education users. Vids tool integrates with Google Classroom, Drive, and Photos, and gives educators and students an easy way to create and share instructional or assignment videos using editable templates, stock media, animation, transitions, and more!

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Control Sharing with Editors

Google Drive's Information Rights Management (IRM) controls now allow file owners and shared drive managers to prevent users with edit permissions from printing, copying or downloading files. This extends restrictions previously limited to viewers/commenters; editors can still edit the document but cannot copy content outside the document.

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Camera Studio

Google is introducing Camera Studio, a universal document camera app optimized for Chrome OS, aimed at helping teachers capture, annotate, and share real-world content in the classroom. The app will be available through the Google for Education App Hub starting August 1st.

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Chromebox OPS for Interactive Flat Panels

Do you have interactive flat panels that are getting old? Chromebox OPS are devices that plug into your aging interactive flat panels to run ChromeOS

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Goodbye Quizizz! Hello...Wayground!

Quizizz is one of my favorite educational apps to talk about. Now called Wayground, it still offers all of the same great features like gamified quizzes, interactive lessons, flashcards, and even an AI assistant to help create content! The free version still has the 20 item storage limit, but the resource library is so large, you can probably just find what you need.

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AI in Education News

ChatGPT Launched Study Mode

When students engage with study mode, they're met with guiding questions that calibrate responses to their objective and skill level to help them build deeper understanding. Study mode is designed to be engaging and interactive, and to help students learn something—not just finish something.

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AI for Parents Microlearning Video Series

Thanks to Sarah Wood from MyEdTech World for sharing this in the [Gold Edu Google Group](#)! Also check out [this great article from Matt Miller](#)

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AI Literacy Lessons from Be Internet Awesome

These lessons are designed to give elementary and middle school students a solid foundation in AI literacy, ensuring that they're prepared for safe and informed interactions with AI as they grow

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