What's New in AI for Edu, Google Updates & More!

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Get EdTech PD At Your School

Dan was on the Edu Duct Tape Podcast!

I joined Jake Miller's podcast to unpack strategies for gathering real-time insights into student learning. We talk Quizizz, Nearpod, Snorkl, AI chatbot tutors, Pear Deck, ChatGPT, and more. Plus, Jake breaks down updates to Google Slides, Canva Visual Suite 2.0 and Canva Sheets, along with a timely tip on how to cite AI-generated content. Tune in!

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Snorkl, Quizizz, Pear Deck, Nearpod, and The Fast & the Curious EduProtocol
plus: new Google Slides sidebar menu features, Canva Visual Suite 2.0, Canva Sheets, and Citing AI-Generated Content,

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Canva's New Features

Canva Create 2025

A few weeks ago, Canva held their annual announcement event called Canva Create. They announced TONS of features, here are some highlights!

- Multiple Project Types in ONE FILE!
- Canva Sheets! Think Google Sheets, but in Canva!
- Canva AI Assistant - Ask it to create a design, write up a lesson plan, or even create an interactive game (Like this flash card game I created)
- Enhanced AI photo-editing and image generation
- Generate quizzes from Canva Slideshows
- AI voiceovers from text on page or create your own
- Subscript and Superscript
- Banners in Canva Docs

Explore More Canva Updates

AI in EdTech News

OESCA and MagicSchool Special Pricing

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The Ohio ESC Association has partnered with MagicSchool to offer special discounted pricing for the upgraded version of MagicSchool

Brisk Podcasting

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The excellent Brisk Teaching browser extension added an AI Podcasting feature. Now teachers can use Brisk AI to create a podcast from any kind of content! The free version is limited to creating 2 minute-long podcasts - but that should be enough to get a discussion started!

Listen to an example here!

Google Gemini and NotebookLM are Core Google Services

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This means both of these apps are treated just like Google Docs or Google Slides - full data protection and technical support

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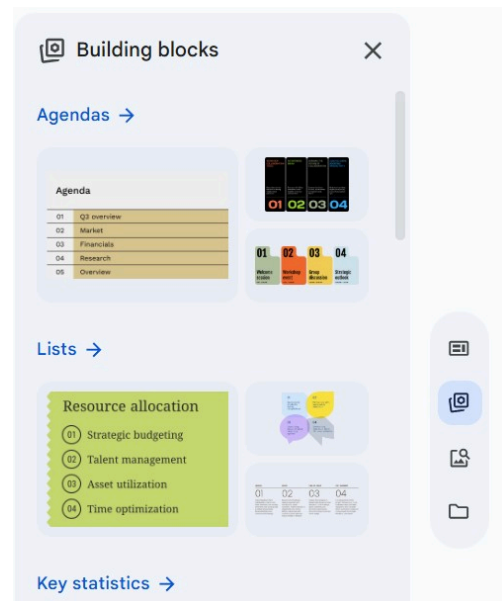## College Students Have Free Access to Google's Best AI Models

Any college students can sign up before June 30, 2025 to get 1 year of free Gemini Advanced and NotebookLM plus
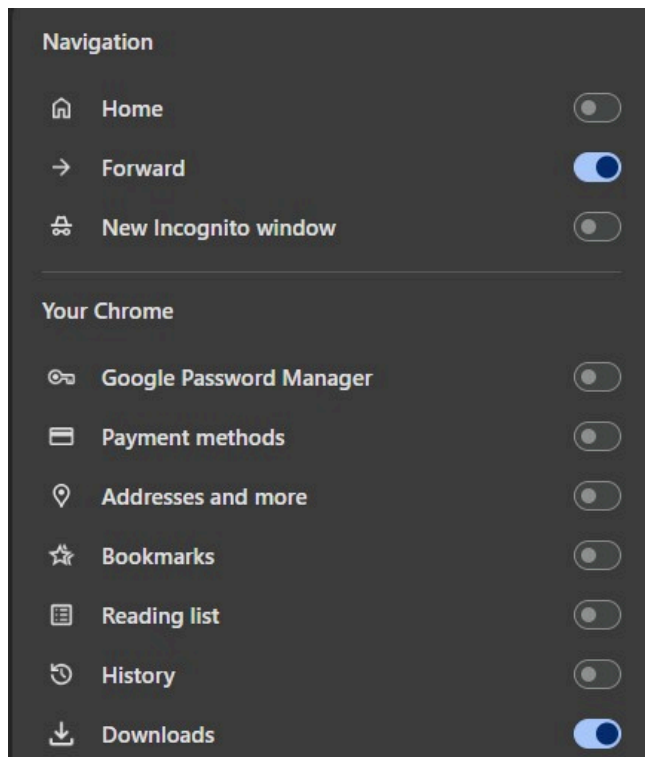
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Updates from Google

New Sidebar in Google Slides

Access tons of templates, building blocks, stock images, and Drive files right from the new sidebar!

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Customize the Chrome Toolbar

You can manage the shortcut on the Chrome toolbar to make it easier for you to access the features you usually use - so you can keep the Google Password Manager or your Downloads always at the top of the browser!

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Audio Overviews for Gemini Available on Any Google for Education Tier

Gemini app users can now generate podcast-style conversations based on documents, slides, and Deep Research reports. Upload files about topics you want to explore and enjoy dynamic discussions between two AI hosts with unique perspectives.

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Example

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Google Classroom Read Along Customization

Educators that have the Teaching and Learning or Education Plus tiers of Google Workspace now can customize the excellent Read Along feature in Google Classroom to include any text they want!

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Google Classroom Bulk Grading

Google Classroom now has the ability to perform bulk grading via 'grade all'. With this new feature, teachers can quickly and efficiently grade all students' work on both the Gradebook page and the Student Work page by selecting 'grade all'. They can also choose to override existing grades and automatically return them to students after grading.

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Google Takeout

While not a new feature, it is that time of year to remind everyone about Google Takeout. This tool allows you to transfer emails and Drive files to another Google Workspace account or to a personal Google account. Eric Curts' Blog Post does a great job explaining!

Join us for the End of Year Google Cleanup Webinar on May 21st!

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