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**Get EdTech PD At Your School**

## **NEOTech 2026 Call for Presenters**

Lead a breakout session at our annual EdTech Conference for Northeast Ohio Educators!

March 10, 2026 at Kent State University | Stay tuned to [NEOTechConference.org](https://NEOTechConference.org) for more

**Submit Your Proposal!**

A graphic titled "NEOTech 2026 Conference Themes" with a yellow background. On the left is a circular logo with "NEOTech 2026" and a line-art map of Ohio. To the right of the logo, the title "Conference Themes" is written in large, bold, blue letters. Below the title are five rounded rectangular boxes, each with a blue header and a light gray body. The themes are: Student Engagement, AI & Future of Edu, STEM, Maker & PBL, Efficiency and Organization, and Tech & Strategies for Admins.

**NEOTech 2026**

# **Conference Themes**

- Student Engagement**  
Technology tools or strategies that engage students in the lesson, make ESL and IEP accommodations, or keep students organized
- AI & Future of Edu**  
AI literacy, tools, or conversations about its impact on education. Innovative EdTech. Teachers' perspectives on PII, cybersecurity, law and policy
- STEM, Maker & PBL**  
Best practices and concrete examples of PBL, creativity with STEM and Makerspaces, or encouraging student voice and choice
- Efficiency and Organization**  
Technology tools or strategies that help teachers and admins stay organized, communicate, or utilize data
- Tech & Strategies for Admins**  
Best practices for maintaining student data privacy, understanding state laws or policies, cybersecurity, project management, and invaluable apps

## **Join the NEOTech 2026 Robotics Competition**

Every year, NEOTech hosts local Middle School Robotics teams in a competition featuring several different games.

If your school has a Middle School Robotics class or club - [fill out this form to join!](#)

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**Google & More EdTech Goodies**

## School AI Extension

**The SchoolAI Browser Extension is now publicly available!**

Features include - **Inline Comments:** Provide targeted feedback directly within Google Docs. You can edit and approve comments before students see them; **Presentation Creator:** Instantly turn a YouTube video, webpage, or Google Doc into a polished presentation, with export support for Google Slides; and much more!

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## Share Public NotebookLMs

A few months ago, Google made it possible for teachers to post Notebooks directly to Google Classroom. Now, teachers can share public notebooks with their students - [like these from OpenStax](#)

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[Learn More](#)

## Google Workspace Studio

This is BIG news - this program is a Google AI Agent for your workspace apps. AI Agents can control the web browser or apps to accomplish specific tasks, instead of just reading content and generating text or media. [Watch this video](#) to see the possibilities this will unlock!

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[Learn More](#)

## Chrome Split View

This simple new feature for Google Chrome allows you to have two tabs open simultaneously! Just right-click over a tab and choose "Add tab to new Split View"

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## Gemini Deep Research Workspace Integration

Gemini's Deep Research feature now integrates with your Google Workspace apps. This update allows Deep Research to seamlessly gather information from your content in Gmail, Chat, and Drive - including Slides, Sheets and Docs files - in addition to the web, to create a more comprehensive and personalized report.

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## Gemini Certifications for Education

These certifications are designed to validate core skills in using Gemini and other Google AI tools that can enhance learning, creativity and productivity. The focus is on safe, efficient, and ethical implementation of AI to assist with education, not simply how to use Gemini or other AI apps.

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# Which AI Chatbot to Use?

## In Short - Gemini

I am often asked by educators - "Which AI Chatbot is best?" I would often answer that question with another question - "What do you mean by best? Best at doing math? Best for research? The fastest?"

But now, my answer is simply Gemini.

From my perspective, Gemini checks all of the boxes an educator would want.

- Data privacy - Gemini is a core service, using the same data protections as Google Drive, Docs, etc. Conversations are not used to train future generations of Gemini, nor shared outside of the school.
- Admin Control - Google Admins can control who has access
- Performance - Gemini is near the top of nearly every AI benchmark test
- Features - Canvas mode, Image generation, Deep Research, Connection to Workspace apps, Guided Learning mode, Audio Overviews, and more!

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## Join Our PLC Groups!

*Collaborate and share with other educators, find grant opportunities, news, tools, and more!*



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AI Educators**

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