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Gemini Certification and Classroom Tips

This article from John Sowash introduces the new "Gemini Certified Educator" exam and ten classroom tips for using Gemini, such as conducting deep research and creating custom "Gems"

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AI Avatars and Voiceovers in Vids

Google Vids now supports AI avatars and voiceovers in seven new languages; however, while voiceovers are available for Education Fundamentals, AI avatars require Education Plus or the Teaching and Learning add-on

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Gemini AI Music

Users over 18 can now use the Lyria 3 model to generate 30-second custom soundtracks in the Gemini app, this feature is currently available to all Google Workspace customers and those with personal accounts

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AI-Suggested Feedback in Google Classroom

Educators can now use Gemini to draft tailored feedback for written assignments in Google Classroom, but note this tool is exclusively for Education Plus and the Teaching and Learning add-on

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Nano Banana 2 in Gemini

The Gemini app now uses the Nano Banana 2 model for faster, photorealistic image generation and improved text rendering, accessible to all Workspace customers over age 18

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Directly Save PDFs to Google Drive

Chrome users can now save PDFs directly to a "Saved from Chrome" folder in Google Drive without leaving the webpage, a feature available to all Google Workspace and personal account users

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A Guide to Identifying Your Google Workspace Version

This guide helps educators determine if they are on Education Fundamentals, Standard, Plus, or the Teaching and Learning Upgrade by checking for specific features - it only take a minute to do!

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Admin Control for AI Search Mode

Administrators can restrict student access to "AI Mode" and AI Overviews in Google Search by blocking specific URLs and configuring default search provider settings in the Admin console

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Common Sense Carpool Conversations: Discussing Digital Life

This podcast series offers two-minute prompts designed to help adults and students have authentic discussions about digital well-being and literacy based on a research-backed curriculum

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25+ AI Tips for Teachers

Kasey Bell from Shake Up Learning provides a comprehensive list of AI strategies, such as using the "Role + Task + Format" formula and creating "Teacher Voice" snippets to ensure consistent and high-quality AI outputs

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What's New at Mote

Recent Mote updates include the addition of image-based flashcards for vocabulary, improved math equation reading, and a new feature to export web highlights directly into Google Docs,

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NEOnet is launching a free beta for its updated Learning Management System, which features over 80 recorded webinars for professional development. Educators who participate can access a library of training resources and earn CEU Certificates of Completion.

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