

ChatGPT for Teachers

What K–12 Educators Need to Know for 2026–27

GOOD NEWS FOR TEACHERS

ChatGPT for Teachers is free for verified U.S. K–12 educators through June 2027.

This isn't simply a regular personal ChatGPT account with a new name. It is a workspace designed specifically for educators and school environments.

WHAT'S DIFFERENT?

A school-ready workspace

ChatGPT for Teachers includes education-focused security, privacy, and administrative protections.

Information shared in the workspace is **not used to train OpenAI's models by default**, and the workspace is designed to help schools protect student information and support FERPA-related requirements.

Personalized to your teaching

You can tell ChatGPT things such as your:

- Grade level
- Subject or curriculum
- Preferred teaching formats
- Classroom needs

ChatGPT can then provide responses that are more relevant to the way you teach.

Connect your existing tools

Teachers can bring in materials and files from tools such as:

- Google Drive
- Microsoft 365
- Canva

This makes it easier to work with lesson plans, classroom resources, presentations, and other materials you already use.

Built for teacher collaboration

Teachers can use shared projects and custom GPTs to:

- Co-plan lessons
- Build reusable templates
- Develop common resources
- Collaborate with colleagues across a school or district

School and district leaders also have administrative options for managing educator workspaces.

HOW COULD A TEACHER USE IT?

Think of ChatGPT as a **planning and thinking partner**, not a replacement for your professional judgment.

Try it for:

Lesson & Unit Planning

Create a starting point for lessons, units, activities, or essential questions.

Differentiation

Adapt the same material for different reading levels, learning needs, or levels of support.

Resource Creation

Develop examples, discussion questions, practice activities, rubrics, checklists, or review materials.

Communication

Draft family communications, staff messages, newsletters, meeting agendas, and other routine writing.

Idea Generation

Brainstorm hooks for lessons, project ideas, real-world connections, enrichment activities, or ways to reteach a difficult concept.

Working With Your Materials

Upload or connect existing resources so ChatGPT has more context before helping you revise, organize, or build from them.

ONE IMPORTANT REMINDER

AI can generate information that sounds convincing but is inaccurate.

You are still the expert in the room.

Review AI-generated materials for:

- ✓ Accuracy
 - ✓ Bias
 - ✓ Age appropriateness
 - ✓ Alignment to your standards and curriculum
 - ✓ Accessibility and student needs
 - ✓ Your school or district's AI policies
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HOW TO GET CHATGPT FOR TEACHERS

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Visit:

chatgpt.com/k12-verification

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Begin verification using your **school or district email address**.

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Verify that you work for an eligible accredited U.S. K–12 school or district.

Eligible users include:

- Teachers
- School staff
- School leaders
- District administrators

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Once verified, follow the prompts to create or join your educator workspace.

IMPORTANT

Free through: June 2027

Who qualifies: Verified educators working for accredited U.S. K–12 schools or districts

Student accounts: ChatGPT for Teachers is currently an educator plan and is not intended as a student account.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

OpenAI also offers free K–12 learning resources through **OpenAI Academy**, including practical training designed to help teachers move from experimenting with AI to using it thoughtfully in everyday teaching and administrative work.

Your best first step:

Choose **one task you already do every week** and explore how AI could make that task faster, easier, or more effective.

You do not need to learn every AI tool.

You just need to start with one problem worth solving.