



Common Sense Media Supports Illinois House Bill [2503](#) Creating Guidelines For the Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Education

Common Sense Media supports Illinois House Bill 2503 (HB2503), establishing an Advisory Board in collaboration with the Department of Education to provide guidance, integration, oversight, and evaluation of artificial intelligence (AI) technologies in Illinois schools. Common Sense Media is dedicated to improving the lives of kids and families by providing the trustworthy information, education, and independent voice they need to thrive. Our ratings, research, and resources reach more than 150 million users worldwide and 1.4 million educators every year. We are also committed to helping policymakers navigate AI's challenges and opportunities by providing clear, trustworthy guidance and advocating for strong protections.

Over the past few years, [Common Sense Media](#) has developed the knowledge and skills that help to empower school communities to safely and meaningfully use technology. In Illinois, we have more than 34,000 teachers who have registered to teach Common Sense's [digital citizenship and literacy materials](#) – including AI literacy content – to their students. We strongly support HB2503's timely legislation that guides the use of artificial intelligence in education.

Updating Classroom Curriculum for Today's Digital Learning Environments

Artificial intelligence (AI) is being rapidly integrated into daily classroom use. Common Sense Media research shows that [7 in 10 teens aged 13 to 18 say they have used at least one type of generative AI tool](#) for both personal and educational uses. More than any other activity, 53% of teens report using generative AI to get help with their homework. AI can support educational exploration by summarizing or translating text, generating images or videos, brainstorming ideas, and even being used to code. Meanwhile, most K-12 teachers, parents, and students [say their school has no policy on AI use](#) and lacks teacher training. Consequently, educators report confusion about how to integrate these tools in a responsible and equitable manner.

Discussing generative AI with young people in schools makes a difference in how they perceive the technology, the possibilities and challenges it presents, and its potential impact on their futures. Teens whose teachers discuss generative AI in class are [more likely to understand its educational benefits and limitations, see AI skills as necessary for future careers, and say the technology has influenced their educational and career goals](#).

Common Sense Media Supports Illinois HB2503

We support House Bill 2503, introduced by Representatives Laura Faver Dias and Camille Y. Lilly, because it helps to lay the groundwork for the safe, transparent, and effective use of AI in Illinois schools.



This bill requires that Illinois establish a State Instructional Technology Advisory Board to provide integration, oversight, and evaluation frameworks of AI technologies in education. This advisory board shall consist of 16 members representing teachers, principals, superintendents, and experts, chaired by the State Superintendent of Education (or their designee). The board's duties will consist of developing standards and best practices concerning safety, transparency, data privacy, and education quality for AI technology in schools.

Specifically, HB 2503 calls for clear and actionable guidelines on ethical, responsible, and age-appropriate use of AI learning in the classroom. This includes mitigating risks related to bias and data misuse, addressing privacy and transparency, and preserving human connection in learning. Additionally, this bill supports equitable access to AI tools, promoting AI literacy and professional development for all Illinois students.

Common Sense Media supports HB2503 and welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with Illinois educators and policymakers to implement this important legislation. We commend Representatives Dias and Lilly for bringing forward this legislation. HB2503 empowers educators and supports students by establishing clear guidelines for the responsible use of AI.

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