GYO-Rural School Initiative PD Opportunity

Differentiating Classroom Content with Magic School & **Other Tools**

MAGIC SCHOOL
Education Organizer AI



Hands-On Learning Experience

- Session will showcase Magic School AI uses empowering teachers to enhance classroom engagement and learning outcomes.
- Other Popular Differention Tools will be introduced as well

Unlock the Power of Magic School AI!

- Date: Oct 22, 2026
- Time: 4:30 – 5:30 PM
- Location: Online - Zoom

In Person option - Buzzard 2445

Attendees can receive a Certificate of Attendance



Zoom Link

Recommend bringing a laptop or tablet

Don't miss out on this opportunity; plan to attend to enhance your teaching skills!

Join for an exciting session and discover new teaching resources!

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Magic School AI
Universal School AI Tool for Teachers

Exploring Tools for Adapting & Differentiating classroom activities to individualize learning

- Magic School AI
- Brisk Teaching
- School AI
- DiffIT
- Canva for Edu

Objective and Agenda

Objective: Explore/Learn how Magic School AI can save time and increase learning activities variety.



Agenda:

- 💚 What does Magic School AI do?
- 💚 History and Access to Magic School AI
- 💚 Popular Teacher Tools
- 💚 What is “Raina the universal assistant
- 💚 Student Tools and Teacher Oversight
- 💚 Hands-on Practice
- 💚 Differentiate a student activity for all learners

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Tools to help teachers differentiate to meet the needs of all students

Slides

Large Language Model Use

Example:

Ask about videos or audio you've played

You can ask questions about what you heard in video and audio, and Gemini in Chrome can answer them. Try asking for details or summaries to better understand the content you've listened to.

1. Open Gemini in Chrome.
2. Share the tab with the audio or video.
3. Ask a question about what you're listening to.
   a. Can use Gemini Standalone
   b. OR – use the **QUESTION button** at the bottom of YouTube by the Like button

USE

– Dia de los Muertos - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqsI37IuKyw&t=496s

– ISBE AI Guiadace Webinar - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7oshzBlEX90

Similar for ChatGPT, Claude (Anthropic), and others

Google Classroom

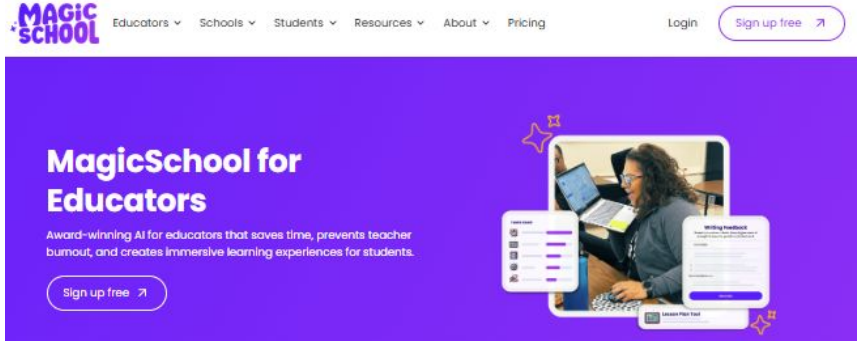
Google Classroom helps differentiate teaching and learning by letting educators tailor assignments, content, and pacing to individual student needs while maintaining privacy.

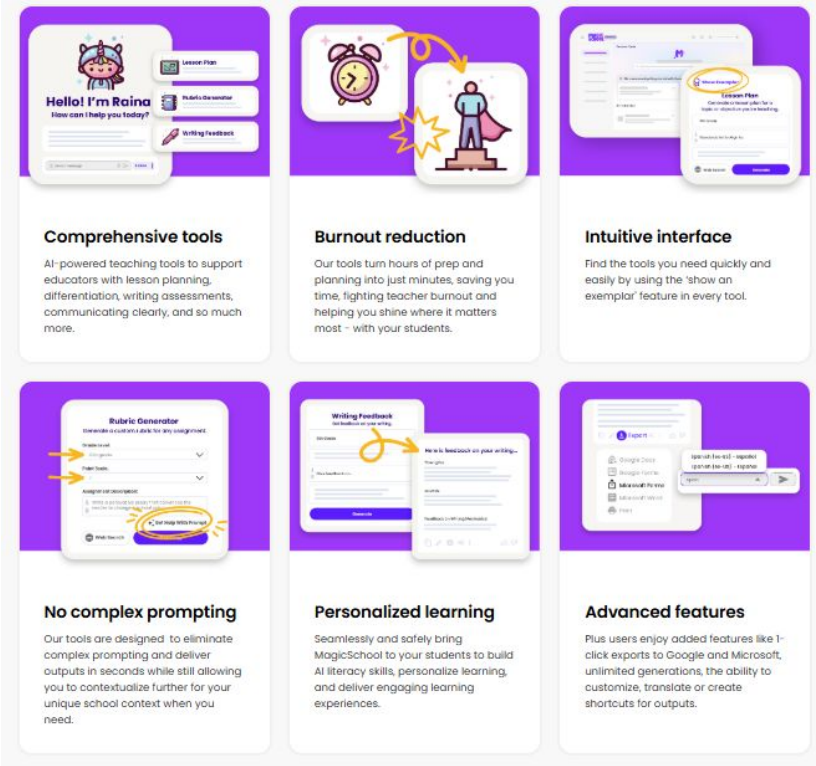
Key Features for Differentiation

- **Targeted Assignments:** Teachers can click the "All students" dropdown on any assignment, question, material, or announcement, deselect the class, and pick specific students or small groups. [1, 2]
- **Google Classroom Groups:** Educators on eligible tiers can organize students into designated cohorts (such as reading or skill-level groups) to assign leveled materials quickly. [1, 2]
- **Leveled and Scaffolding Resources:** Teachers can attach different readings, videos, or modified documents to assignments so students receive the exact support or challenge level they require. [1, 2, 3]
- **Read Along Integration:** Built-in tools like *Read Along in Classroom* provide real-time reading feedback and let teachers differentiate based on Lexile measures, grade levels, or phonics skills. [1, 2]



Welcome to Magic School AI: An Essential Tool for New Teachers





History of Magic School AI

- Founding and mission: Adeel Khan, a former teacher and principal, started MagicSchool.ai in 2023 to address teacher burnout by providing AI tools to automate behind-the-scenes work.
- Initial launch and growth: The initial platform for educators launched after the rise of AI in late 2022, quickly gaining over 100,000 users in just a few months.
- Product expansion: Inspired by teacher feedback, the company launched "MagicSchool for Students" in March 2024, a separate platform designed to help students develop AI literacy in a way that teachers can manage.
- Core features: The platform provides educators with over 50 tools for tasks such as lesson plan generation, quiz creation, and writing newsletters.

What is Magic School AI?

Magic School is a **vast array of AI tools created specifically for educators**.

- The platform staff is comprised of about **75 to 80% former educators**, ensuring every tool is designed from a teacher's perspective.

- Magic School offers **over 80 different tools** available to teachers.

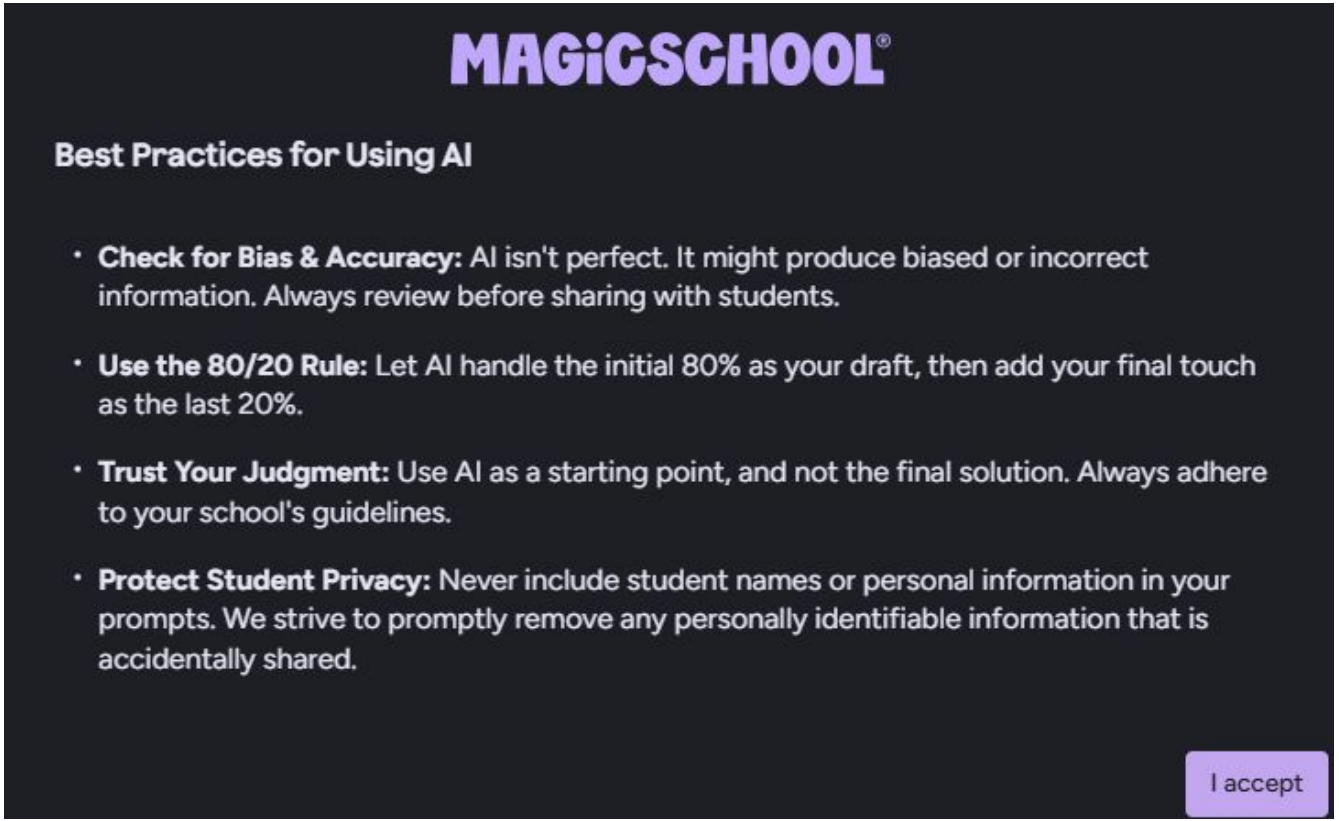
Access and Getting Started - https://www.magicschool.ai/

Magic School AI is available online via a web browser and is compatible with mobile and desktop.

- To get started, you will create a free account.
- When you sign in for the first time, you will be prompted to choose which **grades and subjects** you teach to better customize the experience.
- You can always specify a different grade level or subject when using the AI generation features.



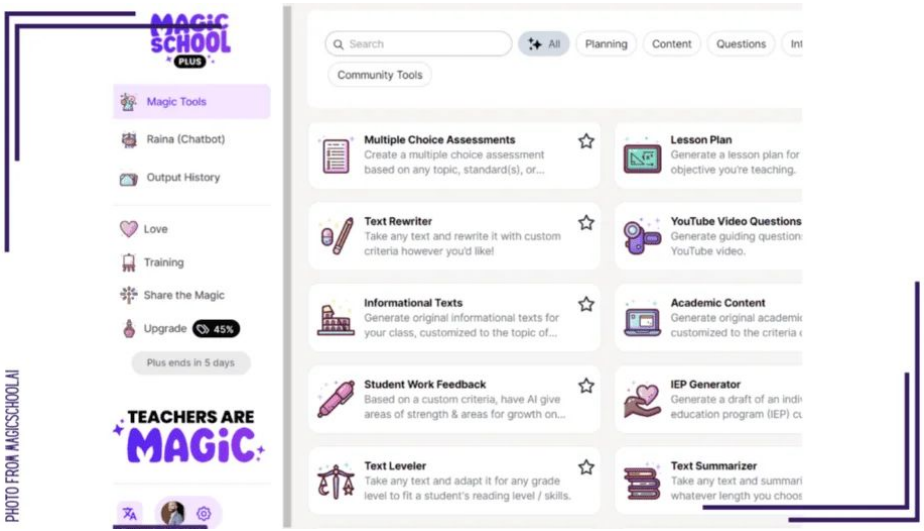
Basic Rules and Best Practices



The Magic Tools Page (Main Menu)

The **Magic Tools page** is like a main menu for all the different features Magic School AI has to offer.

- If you don't know where to start, you can begin by **searching for a specific use case**.
- You can also **star a specific feature** to find it easier in the future.

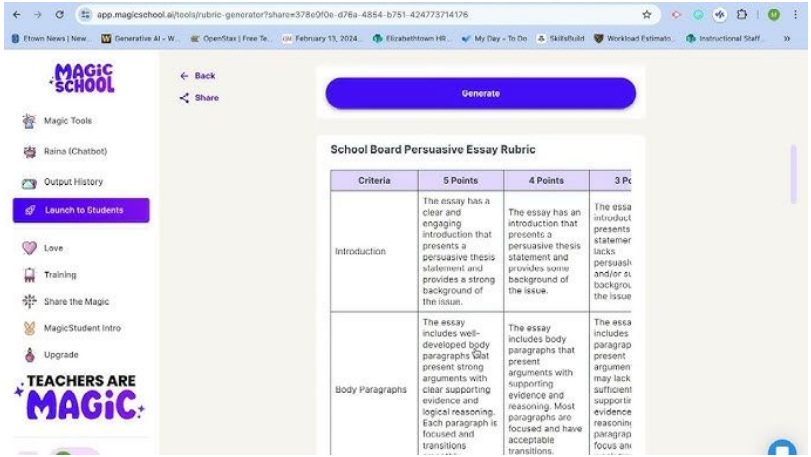


Core Functions Overview

Magic School provides tools that are essential for daily teaching:

- **Lesson Plan Generators**
- **Assessment Creation** (generating worksheets and quizzes)
- **Rubric Generator** (which can be a lifesaver)
- **Presentation Generator** (creates a downloadable file, e.g., to Google Slides)
- **Depth of Knowledge Questions** (generates questions tailored for four levels)

Tool Deep Dive: The Rubric Generator



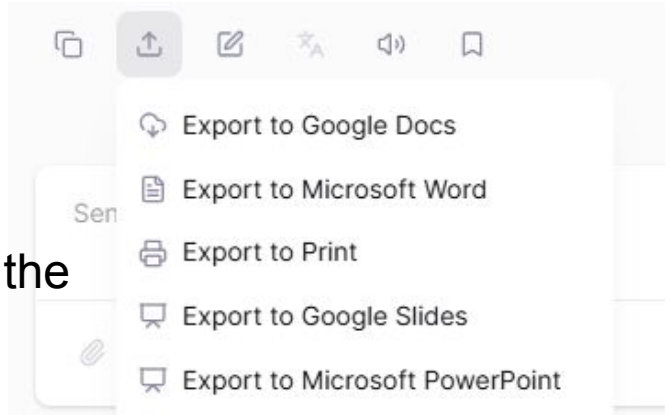
The Rubric Generator was one of the first tools developed.

- You input parameters such as the **grade level** (e.g., fifth grade) and the **point scale** (e.g., a five-point scale).
- You can choose the standard or objective. If desired, you can upload specific state standards (e.g., South Carolina standards) so the rubric references them.
- The output provides a starting point that teachers can continue to **make edits** to within the built-in editor.

Customizing and Exporting Output

Magic School allows you to adjust generated resources easily.

- You can export the resource to **Google Docs or Microsoft Word**, print it, or copy and paste it.
- A **chat bar** allows the teacher to continue the conversation with the AI, making adjustments on the fly.
- For instance, you can instantly add a column for Teacher comments or change the language of the rubric to serve as a self-reflection piece for students.



Multilingual Support and Text Leveling



Magic School provides crucial tools for diverse classrooms:

- You can have content **translated immediately** right there in the same interface using the action buttons.
- The **Text Leveler** is an awesome way to make text understandable for any reading level.
- You can instantly adjust the reading level of the text (e.g., dropping text to a third grade level).

Introducing Raina, the Instructional Coach



Raina is the Magic School chatbot.

- Raina is specifically designed to be an **instructional coach**.
- You can ask Raina almost anything education-related, and Raina will guide you.
- Raina offers great **follow-up questions** after generating an answer.
- Your **chat history is saved** on the right-hand side in case you need to refer back to a past conversation.

Advanced Feature: Custom Tools

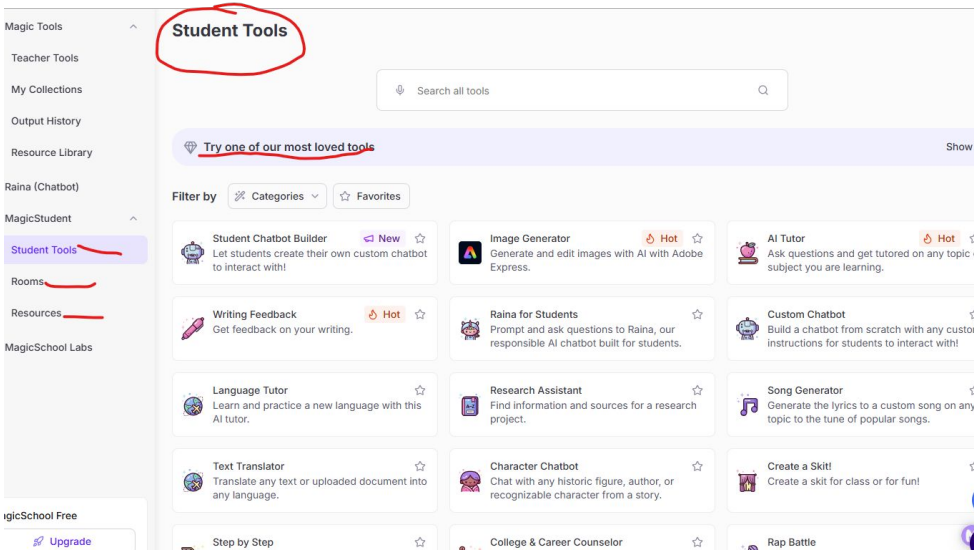
Magic School allows you to **create your own custom tool**.

- This feature is powerful, allowing you to give specific instructions to the AI.
- If your district is requiring a certain lesson plan format, you can add that instruction to the custom tool.
- You can even upload an example of the required format.
- Customized tools can be **shared with other teachers**.

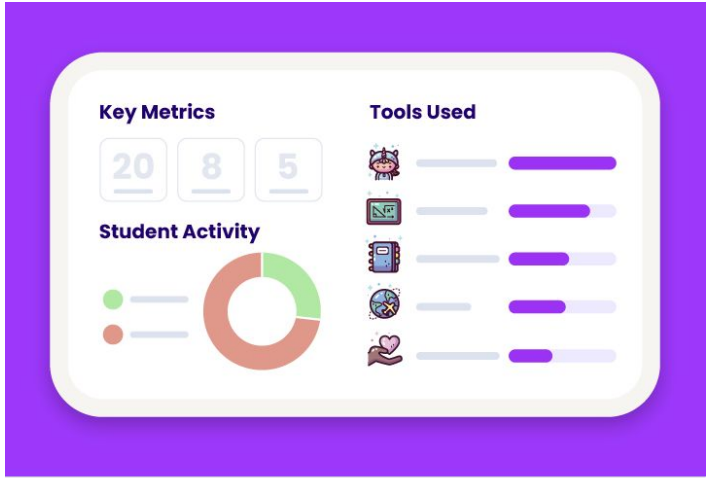
The Student-Facing Version

Magic School offers a student-facing version.

- The student-facing version is **identical to the teacher-facing** platform.
- **The teacher is still in control**.
- Teachers decide what tools students can access and for what purpose. Students can only use the tools the teacher gives them.



Monitoring and Safety



The platform supports teacher oversight for student safety.

- Teachers can see the **entire output history** for a student.
  Teachers can view conversations that have been **flagged** (e.g., flagged for harassment).
- If issues arise, the teacher has the ability to **pause or lock** the student's interactions with the chat bots, or remove the student from the room.

Best Practices & Responsible Use

AI is a great starting point, but it's not always perfect.

- Always **double-check the content for accuracy and bias** before sharing.
- Generating questions and translating text fall into the "Yellow" category, meaning we need to **double-check that the translations are correct** before sharing them with students.
- **Respect copyright and fair use laws**: Do not upload or paste text from paid resources.
- If translating a document with student personal information, please **remove that first** to protect privacy.

Time to Explore - Hands on with Magic School AI

Now is the time to ask about uses or better yet try Magic School AI for yourself. Check out YouTube Video Questions Generator, Presentation Generator, Song Generator, or just tell Raina what you want.

Remember, you can always edit or modify the prompts to tweak the resource for your needs.



Notice Sent Oct 20, 2026

MagicSchool is sunsetting their Browser Extension. All activity will be in the Web App going forward

https://app.magicschool.ai/

MagicSchool Chrome extension update

We're retiring the MagicSchool Chrome extension on October 30, 2026. We're focusing our efforts on the web app so teachers have one great place to work.

Your account, your saved content, and all of your tools are already available at app.magicschool.ai. You can log in with the same credentials you use today, and your work will be exactly as you left it.

After October 30, the extension will stop working, so we recommend switching to the web app before then. If you have any questions, check out our FAQs here. Our support team is also happy to help at support@magicschool.ai.

Your friends at MagicSchool

Brisk Teaching

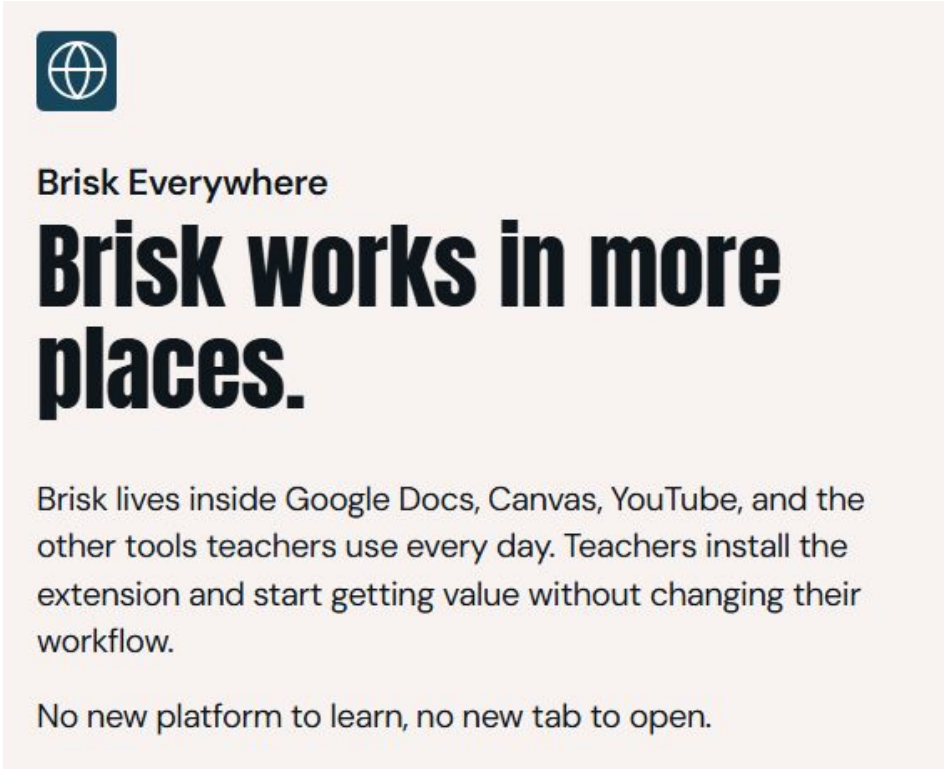
Add the Brisk Toolbar to your browser

It will always be available while you are working online

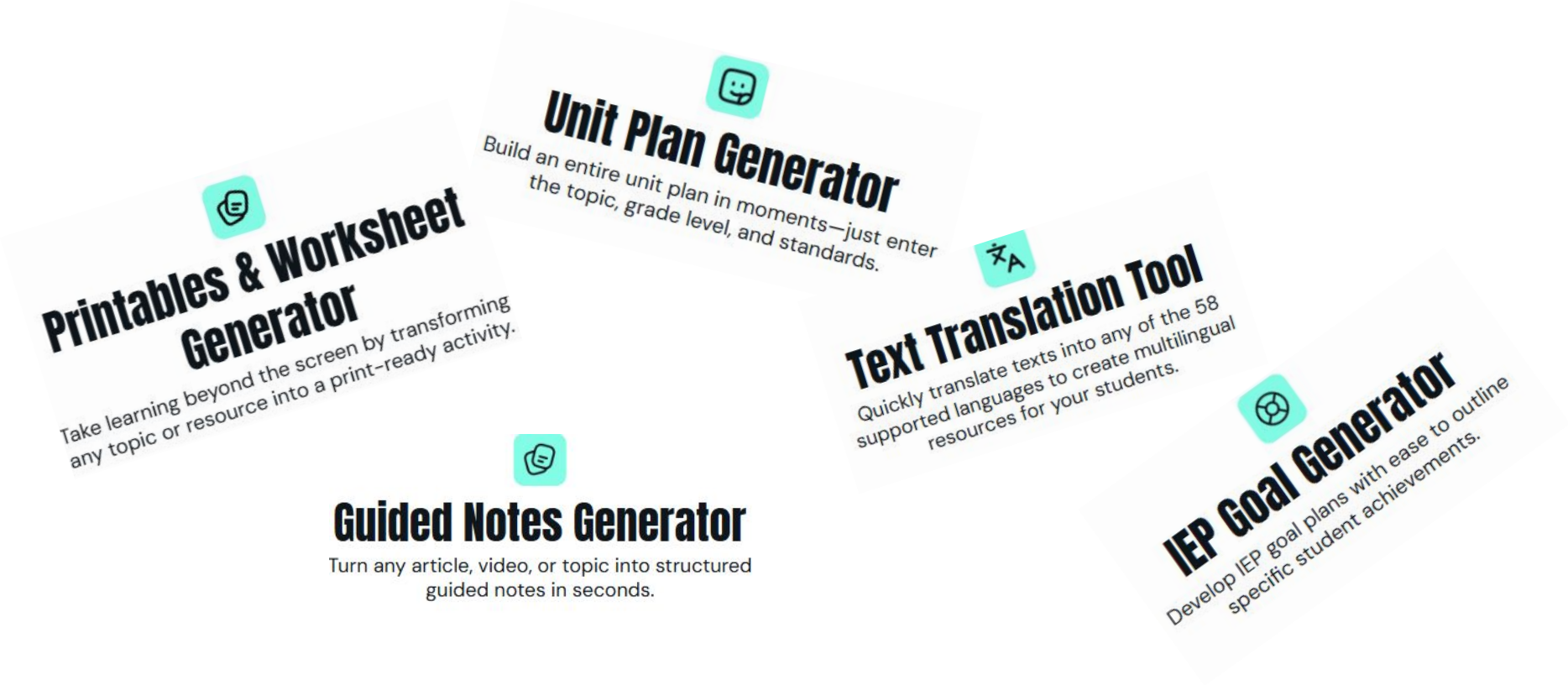
Be ready for whatever the day brings

Background & Inspiration: Founder Arman Jaffer left the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative in 2022 and recognized the potential of Large Language Models (LLMs) right before ChatGPT launched.

Pivot from Web to Extension: Over winter break in late 2022/early 2023, Jaffer started with a web app for teachers. Realizing that did not fit smoothly into teachers' daily habits across hundreds of different apps, he pivoted to building a **Chrome extension** from scratch.



Brisk Does This and More

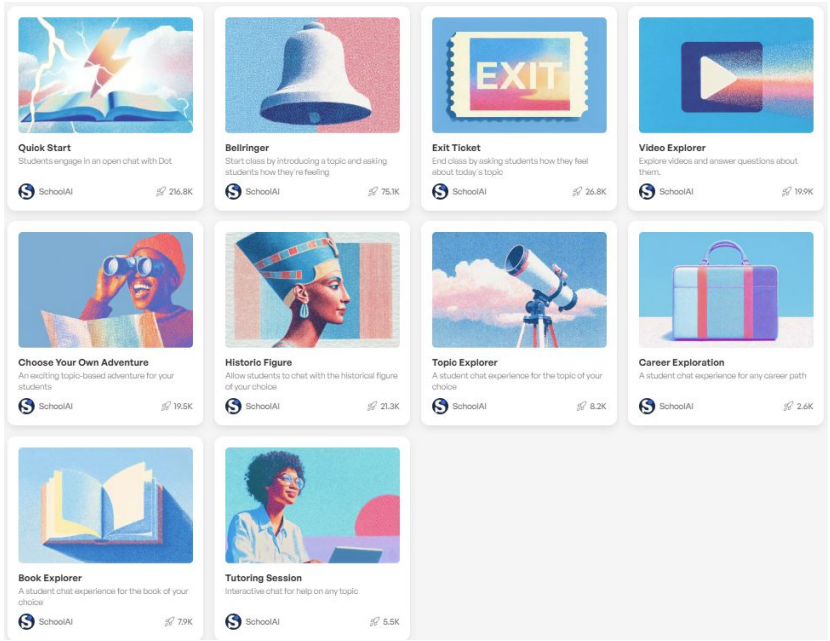


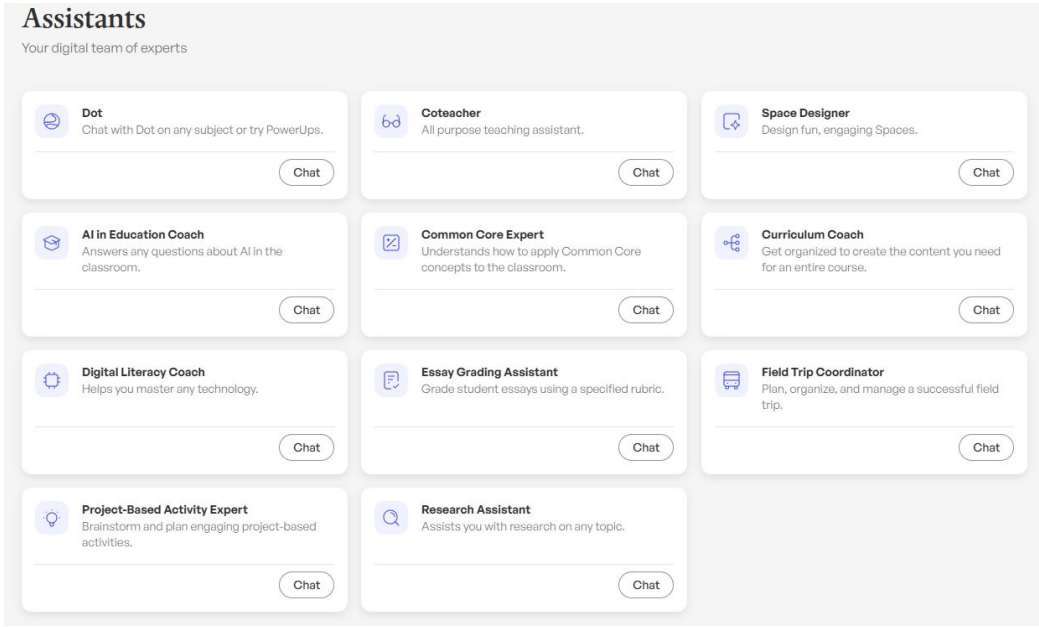
SchoolAI

SchoolAI makes personalized learning safe and practical for every classroom. Personalize learning in real-time and give teachers deeper insight on what students' need. Your Classroom Co-Teacher. Learning. Personalized.

- **Personalized Learning:** Automatically adjusts instructional complexity per student and pace through adaptive environments called **Spaces**. [1, 2]
- **Teacher Control:** Keeps educators in charge of content boundaries, learning goals, and AI behavior rather than using an unconstrained open chatbot. [1, 2]
- **Real-Time Monitoring:** Features **Mission Control**, a dashboard that gives teachers live visibility into student conversations, sentiment, engagement, and learning progress

SchoolAI Spaces & Assistants





DiffIT

Educational Tool designed to help teachers quickly create differentiated instructional materials, adapt existing content to any reading level, and save preparation time

- **Content Adaptation:** Paste an article, text, PDF link, video link, or type a general topic, and Diffit rewrites or generates materials matched to a specific student reading or grade level. [1, 2]
- **Generated Resources:** Automatically produces leveled reading passages, key vocabulary lists, multiple-choice questions, short-answer prompts, graphic organizers, and lesson ideas. [1, 2, 3]
- **Export Options:** Send editable resources straight to Google Docs, Slides, Forms, Classroom, or Microsoft Word/PowerPoint, or print them directly. [1, 2]
- **Multilingual & Special Needs Support:** Helpful for scaffolding content for English Language Learners (ELL) or students with IEPs/SPED supports

DiffIT Core Tools

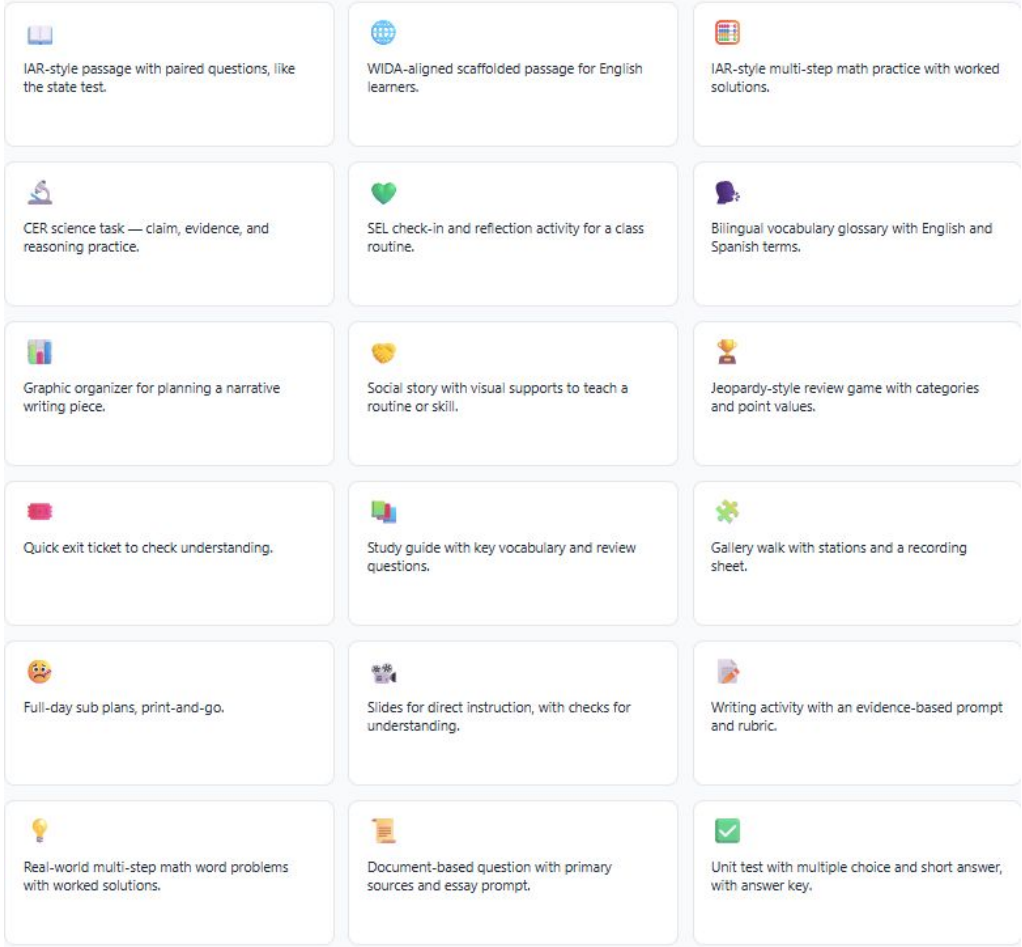
Website

- Literally Anything: Type in a topic, theme, standard, or question.
- Links & Media: Paste a link to a news article, a website, or a YouTube video.
- Upload or Paste: Copy and paste your own text or upload a PDF.

Browser

Can now use Diffit anywhere on the web.

Highlight a passage on any webpage (a news article, a PDF, a district resource) and get it leveled, translated, or turned into questions without leaving the tab. No new app, no copy-paste, no losing your place mid-search.



The Most Useful Tool: Lesson Plan Generator

- Quickly makes detailed plans for teaching
- Includes goals, activities, and ways to check learning
- Matches with state and national teaching rules
- Can be changed for any grade and subject

How Lesson Plan Generator Works

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Example Lesson Plan Output

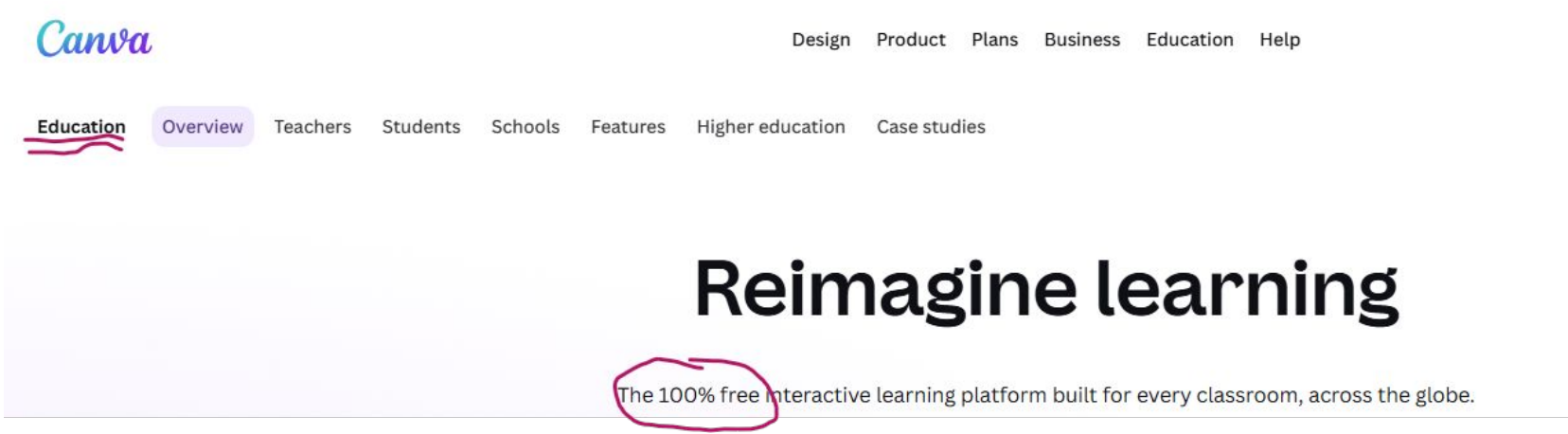
- Goal: Learn how plants make their own food
- Activities: Talking together, watching a video, doing an experiment
- Test: Questions with choices and short answers
- Pictures: Drawing of how plants use sun to make food

Other Popular Tools

- Test Maker: Creates quizzes and worksheets
- Picture Helper: Makes graphs, charts, and diagrams
- Coding Helper: Helps with computer lesson teaching
- Rules Finder: Quickly finds teaching standards

Other Services

- Diff-It - https://web.diffit.me/
- Brisk-Teaching - https://www.briskteaching.com/
- Google Gemini - https://gemini.google.com/app
- Gemini Notebook - https://notebook.google.com/
- SchoolAI - https://schoolai.com/
- Canva for Education- https://www.canva.com/
  - differentiate lessons by quickly adapting reading levels, building tiered worksheets, and creating visual choice boards for diverse learners
- EduAide - https://www.eduaide.ai/



- **Duplicate and Modify:** Open a standard template (such as a science or reading activity), click the **Duplicate** button, and adjust the vocabulary, reading complexity, or question prompts to level up or level down for specific student groups.
- **Graphic Organizers:** Search the **Elements** tab for built-in graphic organizers (like Venn diagrams, flowcharts, or story webs) to scaffold writing and problem-solving tasks.
- **Generate Leveled Tasks:** Navigate to **Classwork** and then **Magic Activities** from the Canva homepage to input a learning goal, subject, and grade level.
- **Transform Text:** Use built-in AI translation or text-rewording tools to simplify instructions or translate content into different languages for English language learners.
- **Student Autonomy:** Build visual choice boards or Tic-Tac-Toe assignment grids where students select tasks matching their preferred output format—such as infographics, video summaries, or illustrated slide decks.
- **Multi-Modal Options:** Leverage Canva Docs, Whiteboards, and Presentations so students can demonstrate understanding through writing, drawing, or collaborative design.





Questions-Comments!

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Slides