

California State University's Systemwide ChatGPT Edu Deployment

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Quality score: 33/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

CSU gave 470,000+ students and 63,000 staff free ChatGPT Edu across all campuses for \$16.9M over 18 months, then renewed at \$13M/year. The deal was signed without faculty consultation, triggering a union unfair-practice charge, with no published evidence yet of learning gains.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of learning impact	0/3
Equity & inclusion	1/3
Transparency, ethics & data protection	0/3
Teacher capability & pedagogy	1/3
Scalability & sustainability	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-10

[California State University Chancellor's Office / OpenAI](#) — accessed 2026-07-10

[CalMatters: Cal State struck a deal with OpenAI. Some students and faculty refuse to use it](#) — accessed 2026-07-10

[AAUP: Cal State's War on Working-Class Education](#) — accessed 2026-07-10

[Campus Technology: California State University Launches Systemwide ChatGPT Edu Deployment](#) — accessed 2026-07-10

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