

Google Turns On Gemini by Default for Every K-12 Student — an Independent Audit Finds It Misses Self-Harm Warning Signs

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Quality score: 13/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Google switched on Gemini by default for all K-12 students in Google Classroom in 2026 with only days of notice to schools. An independent safety audit found it misses warning signs across 13 mental-health conditions and treats a sixth-grader like a high-school senior.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of learning impact	0/3
Equity & inclusion	0/3
Transparency, ethics & data protection	0/3
Teacher capability & pedagogy	0/3
Scalability & sustainability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-22

[Google \(Gemini / Google Classroom\); risk assessment by Common Sense Media's Youth AI Safety Institute](#) — accessed 2026-09-22

[Common Sense Media Youth AI Safety Institute risk assessment](#) — accessed 2026-09-22

[Education Week: Schools Caught Flat-Footed](#) — accessed 2026-09-22

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