

Korea's AI Digital Textbook — From Mandatory Rollout to 'Educational Material' After an Audit Finds 8.1% Use

AI in Education · Good practice · South Korea

Quality score: 20/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Korea planned mandatory AI digital textbooks (maths, English, informatics) for 2025, but after rushed rollout, teacher-training gaps and low uptake, the law of Aug 2025 downgraded them to optional 'educational material'; a state audit found 8.1% average use.

Key dimensions

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

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-10-30

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