NECTA's 2026 ACSEE Results — Tanzania Cancels 58 Candidates' Results for Malpractice Including Phone Access to ChatGPT (Cautionary Case)

AI in Education · Good practice · Tanzania

Quality score: 20/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

In July 2026 Tanzania's exam council cancelled 58 Form Six (ACSEE) candidates' results for malpractice, naming phone access to ChatGPT alongside smuggled notes and collusion, and withheld 190 results. A first national signal that generative AI is reaching high-stakes exam rooms.

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 2026-11-14

National Examinations Council of Tanzania (NECTA) — accessed 2026-11-14

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