

South Korea's AI digital textbooks

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Quality score: 40/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

A ■1.2-trillion national push to put AI-adaptive textbooks in classrooms from 2025 — downgraded from mandatory to optional within four months after backlash over privacy, screen time and a rushed rollout; adoption fell from 37% to 19%.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of learning impact	1/3
Equity & inclusion	1/3
Transparency, ethics & data protection	1/3
Teacher capability & pedagogy	1/3
Scalability & sustainability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE evaluation](#) — accessed 2026-06-21

[Korea Herald — pulls plug on AI textbooks](#) — accessed 2026-06-21

[Rest of World — AI textbooks fail](#) — accessed 2026-06-21

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