

South Korea's Privacy Regulator Helps Unwind the National AI Digital Textbook Rollout

AI in Education · Good practice · South Korea

Quality score: 20/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

South Korea's \$850m national AI-textbook rollout was found in May 2025 by privacy regulator PIPC to have two data-protection violations. Adoption fell from 37% to 19% of classes, and in August 2025 the National Assembly revoked the textbooks' official status entirely.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of learning impact	0/3
Equity & inclusion	0/3
Transparency, ethics & data protection	2/3
Teacher capability & pedagogy	0/3
Scalability & sustainability	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-06

[Personal Information Protection Commission \(PIPC\), Republic of Korea](#) — accessed 2026-07-06

[MLex: South Korea's privacy regulator recommends corrective action for AI textbook project](#) — accessed 2026-07-06

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