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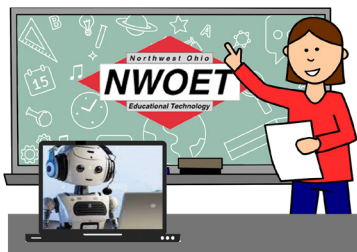
Join Us For Two LIVE Video Broadcasts

January 22 and 29, 3:05-4 pm

Intro to AI – What You Need To Know

January 22, 3:05-4 pm

What students are ALREADY using, plus AI teacher tools. We will demonstrate, include links to free resources and tell you how to get FREE accounts to the most popular tools, an update on best-practice for AI classroom policies and YOUR questions on ANY topic.



AI Explorer – Top Tools For Teachers & Students

January 29, 3:05-4 pm

See eight of the most popular tools that extend the power of ChatGPT and Bard, including teacher test-generators and lesson creation including Questionwell, and student tools including Grammarly with more time for discussion of classroom policy, plagiarism, and Q & A.



Register at:

<https://bit.ly/AI-BY-NWOET>

(Up to 2 hours PD certificate available at no cost.)



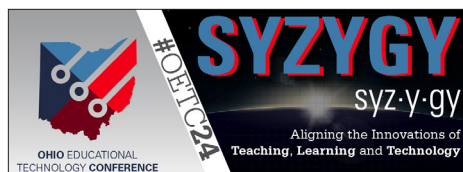
Nurturing Math Literacy Webinar For Families

Looking to help families find effective ways to foster their children's love for



math and support early mathematical development? Share the free Ohio Learns 360 Nurturing Math Literacy Webinar with families of children in grades K-5 in your next family or classroom newsletter! You can find and share this recorded webinar at <https://www.pbs.org/show/ohio-learns-360/>. The Nurturing Math Literacy Webinar explores the importance of math literacy during elementary school years and provides parents and caregivers with actionable insights to create a math-rich environment that nurtures curiosity, problem-solving skills and mathematical thinking. Guest presenters

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Aligning Innovations of Teaching, Learning and Technology

Greater Columbus Convention Center
February 13-15

The conference theme "Syzygy: Aligning the innovations of Teaching, Learning and Technology" alludes to the 2024 solar eclipse, as well as how schools and educators are bringing teaching and technology together to enhance student learning. Attendees will be able to choose conference tracks that focus on technology learning around their chosen areas: instruction, information technology, leadership, or library and media specialists.

There is still time to register!

Go to <https://oetc.ohio.gov/>.

Visit NWOET's booth #106 – get a 10% off coupon AND chance to win \$50!

MagicSchool.ai Vs Eduaide.ai – Who's The Winner?

by Judy Tucker, NWOET Consultant

For educators who are trying to balance personal lives with their professional responsibilities, the search for technology tools that can save time – and also make a lot of teacher-tasks a breeze – is over! Two very new artificial intelligence tools are super easy to use and can assist with tasks that teachers deal with "day in and day out" and can result in a lot of time saved. One of these tools even claims it can save 10 hours a week!

The question is – which one is better? What are these two similar AI tools that have risen to the top as favorites of many educators? They are MagicSchool.ai (<https://magicschool.ai>) and Eduaide.ai (<https://eduaide.ai>) with both having versions that began as totally free to use. However, at the end of 2023 both were offering "plus" or "pro" versions with new capabilities that are sure to entice educators to pay for features

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What exciting tech-enriched lesson do you want to try next? Let ITIP Ohio fund it!

ITIP Ohio provides grant opportunities to Ohio teachers to reward excellence in teaching and promote effective technology integration practices. ITIP invites all Ohio PK-12 teachers to submit a technology-infused lesson plan that makes great learning happen in the classroom. The lesson could be a new lesson or an existing lesson you hope to enhance with some revisions and additional resources provided by the grant.

Who Can Apply?

Any PreK -12 Ohio teacher

Application Info:

Go to <https://www.itipohio.org/teacher-grant>.

The deadline for the current grant cycle is January 21, 2024.

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like unlimited use and exporting assessments to Google Forms. This exporting feature was available in the free version of MagicSchool 3.0 when it first came out in Fall '23, but now is only available to those with a paid 'Plus' version after January 16, 2024. There are now 60+ incredible AI tools for educators in MagicSchool; Eduaide boasts 100+. I personally prefer the new graphic design of the MagicSchool website plus the arrangement of their AI tools over Eduaide's website. There are similar tools in both, such as activities, lesson and unit planning, creating assessments, and rubrics. However, in my opinion, the rubric generator in MagicSchool is far superior to the one available with Eduaide – at the present time. Both platforms are constantly improving and adding to their too 'chest' as they appear to be competing to be educators' 'preferred' AI all-in-one tool.

Eduaide has some tools that are unique, such as those in the Gamification category – with tools to create your own Bingo and Jeopardy games tied to lesson content, and there's even a tool to create an escape room style game related to a classroom topic. Some unique AI tools offered in MagicSchool are YouTube Video Questions that generates guiding questions aligned to a YouTube video, Coach's Sports Practice that generates a plan for practice for any sport that's being coached, and Song Generator that creates a

custom song about any topic to the tune of the song of your choice!

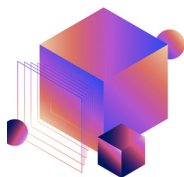
The cost of the upgrading from the free versions of both MagicSchool.ai and Eduaide.Ai is very close in pricing in the range of \$6 for a month if paid annually. Subscriptions paid monthly cost more for both services. As it now is posted, MagicSchool.ai would be more costly than Eduaide.AI if

payment was monthly versus annually and if no discounts were applied. Eduaide is even offering discounts off their \$5.99 monthly fee for a limited time to their beta users. Schoolwide subscription discounts are also offered, but require inquiring for quotes as pricing is not listed on their websites.

My recommendation for beginning users

is to give both of these generative AI tools a try; take advantage of those features offered that match the teacher's needs.

Explore both before committing to purchasing a subscription to either. There are also other similar AI tools that may be just as useful or exceed what these two tools can do. For example, the free version of ChatGPT can produce most of the results of these both, but there is not the 'prompt' or chatbot support for educators available as in these two AI tools. Both MagicSchool and Eduaide allow users to use their Google accounts to sign in or give the option to create completely new accounts with other email addresses, if desired. MagicSchool has



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are Katie Kormanik, EdTech strategist at Turn The Wheel, and Brian Bickley, mathematics consultant, Office of Learning and Instructional Strategies, Ohio Department of Education. You can also find and share other free Ohio Learns 360 Family Webinars about topics such as mental health, advocating for children and screen time at <https://ohiolearns360.org/family-webinars/> or at <https://www.pbs.org/show/ohio-learns-360/>.

Time For Another Virtual Field Trip!

Join Ohio Learns 360 for an exciting virtual visit to Gorman Heritage Farm museums, parks and cultural centers.

Gorman Heritage Farm is a working educational farm just outside of Cincinnati. Their mission is to

cultivate a healthy community through farm-based education and experiences about food, sustainable agriculture and the natural world. This virtual field trip will explore composting, planting and harvesting local crops, and take visitors inside a chicken coop. You can watch any of Ohio Learns 360 Virtual Field Trips, including the Gorman Heritage Farm field trip anytime at <https://ohiolearns360.org/virtual-field-trips/>.

**If you've recently watched an Ohio Learns 360 Virtual Field Trips, please take five minutes to leave a review at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OL360Virtual-FieldTrip> and enter to win a \$100 gift card.*



just announced MagicSchool Student is coming in 2024, but at the present time there is only a waiting list for those that might be interested and very little information about cost or what it might look like.

The bottom line – if an educator is new to using AI tools, using both MagicSchool.ai and Eduaide.Ai will be a good introduction to the possibilities and opportunities that this new generative assistive technology has to offer educators. After spending hours exploring both, I cannot honestly favor one over the other. I believe it would take a lot more time to find the best tools for the tasks I'd be completing. My recommendation at this point – choose the best tools from either MagicSchool.ai and Eduaide.Ai that fit with the user's needs!

My suggestion is to NOT commit to an annual paid subscription to either of these AI teacher tools as these and others are changing almost daily. Do consider a paid version for one month for your favorite to see if it's worth the cost. There might even be a new, more robust AI tool that better fits your needs, available tomorrow!

Schedule Spring 2024 PD Days NOW!

For a listing of the most requested NWOET workshops, go to **Professional Development Workshops from NWOET** at https://bit.ly/NWOET_Spring24.



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