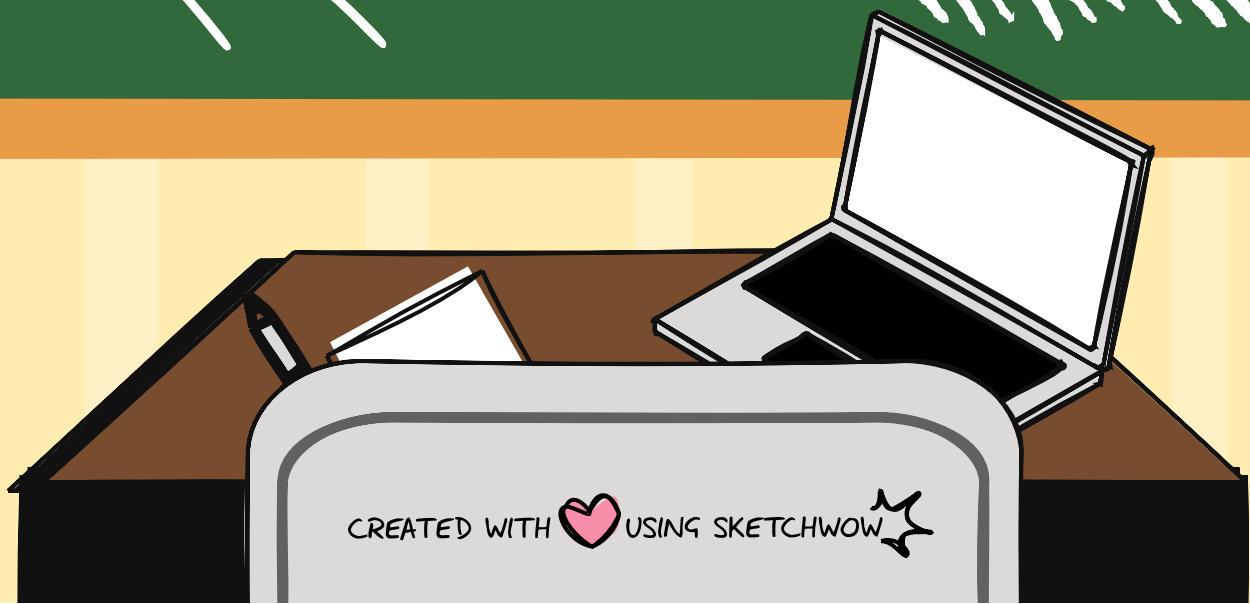


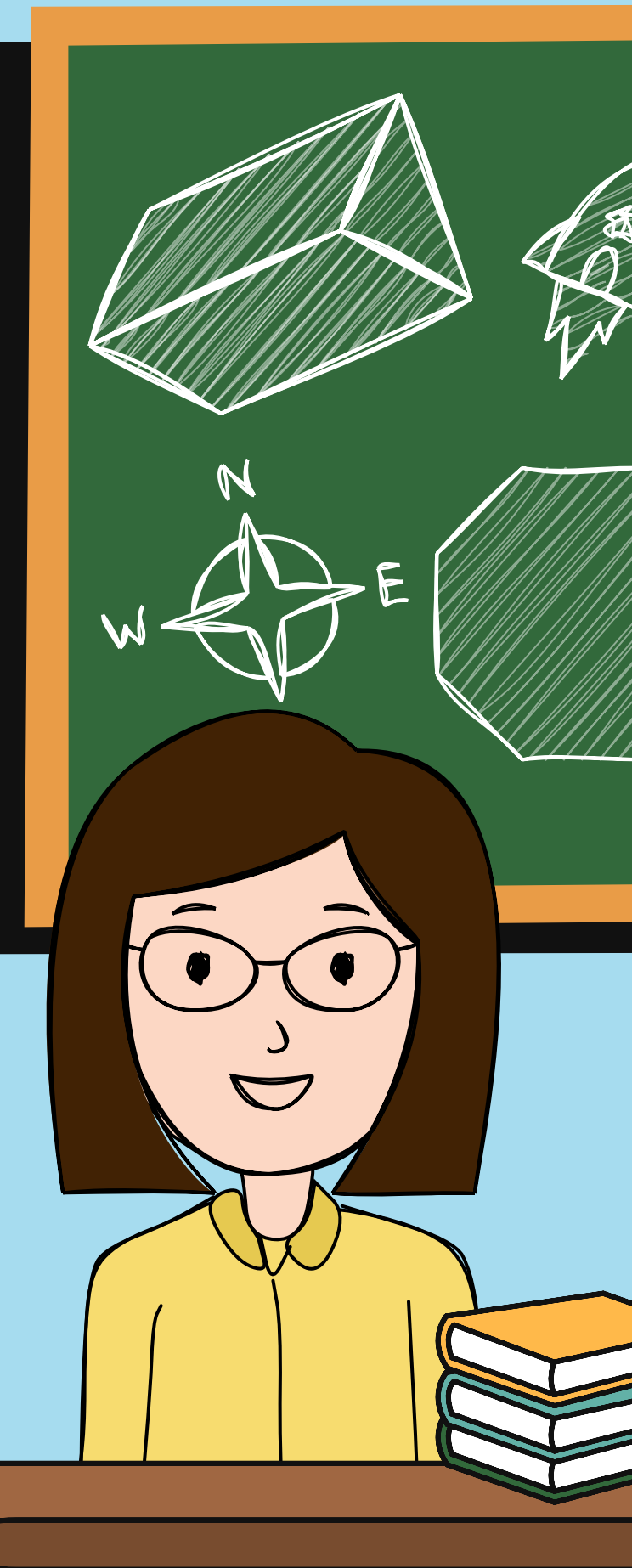
TOP 10

AI TOOLS

FOR TEACHERS

IN 2025





Hey there!

Let's be real: teaching in 2025 is not what it was 10 years ago...

Recent studies show **over 60% of teachers** report burnout from trying to keep students engaged. It's tough delivering lessons that stick when students forget faster than you can say "pop quiz.". Not to mention the daily challenges of keeping on top of parent emails/communication, lesson prep, marking and endless school requirements.

Here's the hard truth: **students forget 66% of what they learn within 24 hours** if they're not actively engaged. If they're just passively listening to a lecture, retention drops to a mere **10%** by the third day. 

The culprit? Trying to teach kids with TikTok-short attention spans. They've grown up in an "always-swiping" world where visual content changes every few seconds. Traditional teaching methods—standing at the board, talking at students—can't compete.

What's the solution? Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology is not the answer to all the problems outlined above. As you'll see after reading this report... it will definitely help.

In today's classrooms... it's not enough being a great teacher—you also have to be a tech-savvy educator. Mastering the best AI tools is your ticket to thriving, not just surviving. With AI as your intelligent teaching assistant, you'll plan faster, teach better, and create engaging, more memorable lessons with less stress.

Let's dive in and make AI your new classroom superpower!



Here are 10 of the most impactful AI tools (SaaS & software) currently used by teachers in the U.S., based on recent expert reviews and teacher feedback: 💬

1 MagicSchool



Use: 📌

All-in-one educator assistant—lesson plans, IEPs, assessments, parent emails.

Strengths: 😊

Over 80 specialized tools; intuitive interface; saves ~7–10 hours/week.

Weaknesses: 😞

Premium pricing; may surface generic content needing customization.

Benefit: ★

Automates admin-heavy tasks, freeing time for teaching and student interaction.



2 SketchWow



Use: 📌

AI-generated visual summaries, slides, diagrams, graphics to be used in lessons, handouts.

Strengths: 😊

Create quick, engaging classroom content. One-time fee. No monthly subscriptions.

Weaknesses: 😞

Specific focus on creating AI visual summaries and notes. Not an all-in-one solution.

Benefit: ★

Uses a hand-drawn look that stands out compared to traditional graphics.



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Gradescope (by Turnitin)



Use:

Online and AI-assisted grading for exams, homework and code.

Strengths:

Handles hand-written and code submissions; auto-grading streamlines scoring.

Weaknesses:

Best for structured assignments—less effective for creative work.

Benefit:

Reduces grading time, increases fairness and consistency across students.



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Perplexity AI



Use:

Generative Q&A tool with transparent sources—ideal for research queries.

Strengths:

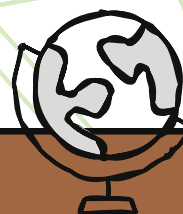
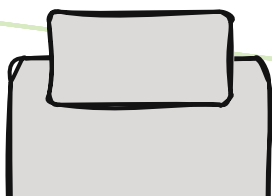
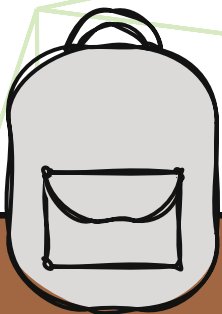
Fact-checked responses with citations.

Weaknesses:

Limited teaching-specific features; essentially a chatbot.

Benefit:

Quickly sources information for lesson prep and in-class questions.



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Khanmigo (Khan Academy)



Use: 

GPT-powered tutor and teacher assistant for lesson planning and data analysis.

Strengths: 

Personalized student support; free access in many U.S. schools.

Weaknesses: 

Students may struggle to frame effective questions.

Benefit: 

Alleviates planning burden and supports differentiated learning.



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Fishtree



Use: 

Adaptive learning platform—automates curriculum planning and customization.

Strengths: 

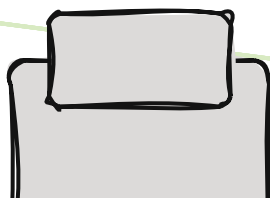
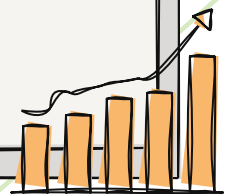
Real-time analytics; personalized student pathways.

Weaknesses: 

Integration with existing systems may require setup time.

Benefit: 

Ensures lessons meet diverse student needs while reducing prep time.



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QANDA



Use: 

OCR-based math solver providing step-by-step explanations.

Strengths: 

Fast math help; supports multilingual classrooms.

Weaknesses: 

Focused on math only; AI-only answers may need teacher validation.

Benefit: 

Instant support for math problems, helping students self-learn outside class.



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Use: 

LMS with AI-powered content and assessment tools.

Strengths: 

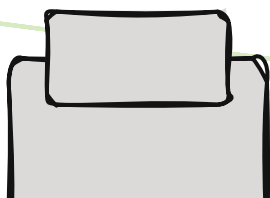
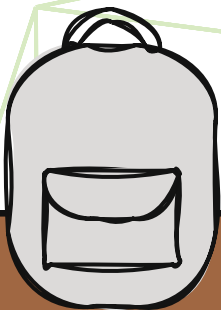
Combines content creation, analytics, and adaptive learning.

Weaknesses: 

Full potential requires premium add-ons; steep learning curve.

Benefit: 

Simplifies course creation and targets support through analytics.



9 Squirrel AI Learning



Use: 

Adaptive learning engine, primarily math, built on detailed knowledge graphs.

Strengths: 

Highly personalized; identifies fine-grained learning gaps.

Weaknesses: 

Heavy emphasis on K–12 math; not U.S.-centric.

Benefit: 

Offers students tailored remediation, relieving teachers from manual differentiation.



10 Edcafe AI / Eduaide



Use: 

AI lesson planners with prompts for materials like rubrics and assessments.

Strengths: 

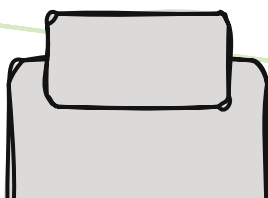
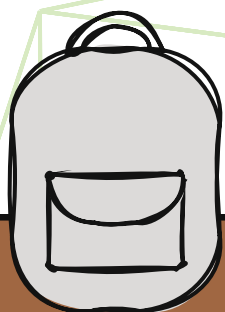
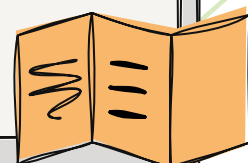
Offers structured plan generation; integrates with other tools.

Weaknesses: 

Still maturing; quality varies across subjects.

Benefit: 

Cuts down lesson prep time by generating outlines and resources instantly.



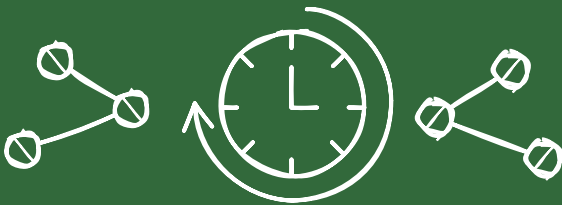


Why these tools matter for teachers:



Time Saved

Tools like MagicSchool and Gradescope free up several hours per week by automating grading, lesson creation, and admin work.



Engagement

Design tools like SketchWow offer a fresh look to boost engagement, enliven lessons and teaching aids.



Personalization & Equity

Adaptive platforms (Fishtree, Khanmigo, Squirrel AI) tailor learning, helping teachers meet diverse student needs.



Efficiency & Insight

Analytics and citation-backed tools ensure informed instruction without manual data crunching.

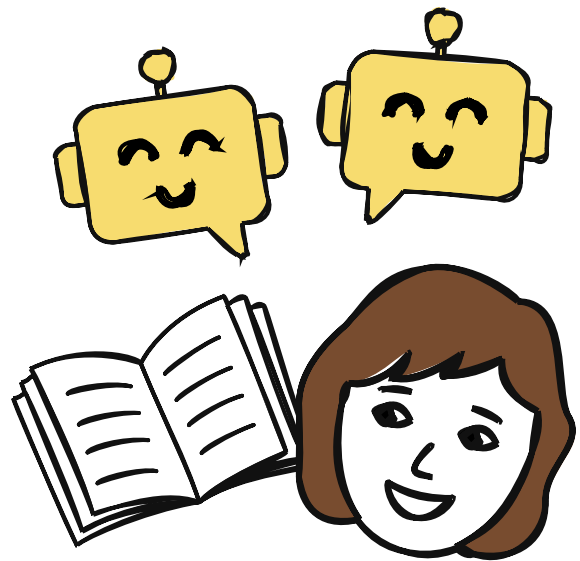


You Made It to the End! 🎉

Woohoo... give yourself a big high-5!
You made it to the end.

You're now armed with the top AI tools to level-up your teaching game. We hope this handy guide has provided you with some helpful tools-n-tips to leverage AI.

With AI as your secret, super-intelligent teaching assistant... you can plan faster, teach better, and create engaging, more memorable lessons with less stress.



Quick Note: Shameless Plug From SketchWow

This free guide was created by the team at SketchWow—the visual communication tool that helps teachers turn BORING... into catchy visuals, diagrams with ease -- using AI or choose from hundreds of done-for-you templates. Fun Fact: We used SketchWow software to make this guide too!

What is SketchWow?

It's super-easy visual diagramming software made just for people like you. Explain anything: visualize your lessons, concept maps, classroom slides, anchor charts, student workflows, and even doodle-style explainer diagrams—done in minutes.

Unlike other design tools, SketchWow is intentionally sketchy and delightfully simple. No clutter. No complexity. Just fast, clear, hand-drawn-style visuals that help your students pay attention and actually understand what you're teaching.

Why teachers love it:

- ✓ Makes abstract ideas crystal clear
- ✓ Saves hours on visual prep
- ✓ Students remember what they see



Looks like YOU sketched it by hand (even if you didn't!)

In a world of AI and fast-moving classrooms, SketchWow helps teachers visualize ideas, simplify learning, and create teaching moments that stick.

For details, head on over to: <https://www.sketchwow.com>

