# STUDENTS DEBATE ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

## New chat

Today AI IRL: Students Deb•••

### ChatOHS

tell me about AI in schools

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From virus outbreaks to rapidly changing rulings by the Florida Department of Education, Florida high schools were prepared for just about anything at the start of the 2023-2024 school year. What they were not expecting, however, was artificial intelligence invading the classroom.

Students were split on the issue of deciding whether or not using AI was worth the risk. "I think it can be a powerful resource if used correctly. But I also think in school, it can be hard because a lot of students are using it for assignments," said Meri Kovac (12) in reference to ChatGPT, an internet AI platform. "But it can be a good tool to giv-e you some ideas about how to organize your writing," she said. Kovac also recommended using artificial intelligence for inspiration and guidance, especially in the college essay writing process.

"I was at this talk with this Google guy," said Aiden Aysun (11), "And he was talking about machine learning." Aysun, a member of the robotics team, has a special interest in artificial intelligence and how it is affecting the computer science industry. "It was mainly about software at Google, but his presentation had images he made just from asking AI, which is pretty cool," he said.

For students like Kovac and Aysun, ChatGPT provides an intriguing preview of what artificial intelligence has to offer. "I think it would open up a lot of opportunities," said Aysun. However, they are also aware of its downsides. "I feel like people are going to lose their social interaction. Just by using AI, people are going to become more isolated," he said. As artificial intelligence becomes a part of daily life, students will be faced with a decision: whether to trust this new resource or be wary of its uncertainty. Copy by Loren Blumenfeld



Diego Lara (12) hopes to gain more

earn more about it," said Lara Photo by Monica Kar

experience with artificial intelligence. think it's super interesting and I'd love to

### MR. MESSI "I've been a Messi fan since I was little," said Harshini Thupili (11). To demonstrate her love for the soccer icon. Thupili changed her Snapchat AI Bitmoji to a Lionel Messi lookalike, complete with an Argentina Soccer jersey. Photo by Harshini Thupili





HARRY STYLES Tina Boktor (10) is a Harry Styles fan, and shows it off with her Harry Styles Snapchat Al Bitmoji. "I like Harry Styles and I thought it would be funny. Ironically, many people don't like him," said Boktor. Photo by Tina Boktor

## HOW SEE

#### **VOTES ARE IN** In a November 2023 poll on the

Oviedo Now Instagram Story, students responded to the question: "Are you for or against AI?" 127 students answered in support of AI and 89 students answered that they were anti-Al. This demonstrated a majority of students in favor of Al usage, but the close results proved the Al debate to be a controversial issue.



**59%** 



MAKE IT

Eva Aliaga (11) designed her Snapchat Al Bitmoji to resemble Neymar, a Brazilian soccer player, "Snapchat AI came out around the time that the 2022 World Cup was going on, so he was really popular at



### FAST FORWARD

Victoria Krupica (11) uses a Snapchat AI aging filter to generate a prediction of what she will look like in the future. "I hope it's not that accurate, because it's not the best," said Krupica (11), "but I take it with a grain of salt because it's AI." Photo by Victoria Krupica